



Seasonal Log Cabin Maintenance Checklist

Stay ahead of weather, wear, and time with this simple seasonal upkeep guide for your log home.

Spring

- ☐ Inspect logs for cracks, discoloration, or shifting after winter.
- ☐ Check caulking and sealants for gaps or wear.
- ☐ Clean gutters and ensure proper water drainage.
- ☐ Wash exterior logs with gentle wood cleaner.
- ☐ Trim back shrubs or plants near foundation for airflow.
- ☐ Inspect for insect activity (carpenter bees, termites, ants).

Summer

- ☐ Apply or touch up stain/sealant if needed to prevent UV damage.
- ☐ Ensure roof overhangs are directing water away from the home.
- ☐ Check attic and crawlspace ventilation for moisture buildup.
- ☐ Power-wash logs only if preparing for refinishing.
- ☐ Look for signs of sun bleaching or wood drying.



Fall

- ☐ Recheck gutters and downspouts—clear debris from leaves.
- ☐ Test and repair exterior chinking before cold sets in.
- ☐ Walk the perimeter to ensure the “dry zone” is free of pooled water.
- ☐ Inspect caulking/sealant again for end-of-season gaps.
- ☐ Schedule re-staining or refinishing if overdue.

Winter

- ☐ Remove snow build-up from around base/foundation.
- ☐ Monitor interior walls for signs of drafts or shifting.
- ☐ Check for condensation around windows and doors.
- ☐ Walkthrough inspection after snowstorms for moisture or log movement.
- ☐ Keep firewood stacked away from the cabin to prevent pest intrusion.

Every 2–3 Years

- ☐ Fully re-chink or reseal where needed.
- ☐ Reapply full exterior protective stain or finish.
- ☐ Deep clean and condition logs (especially in high-sun or high-moisture areas).
- ☐ Consider professional inspection for settling or structural shifts.

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