

## Water Control

Gutters and downspouts in good repair?

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Sprinklers not wetting the house and/or decks, handrails?

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Spigots not spraying the house when hoses are attached?

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Splashback eliminated (via gutters/downspouts, large overhangs, gravel drip bed)?

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Flashing over windows, doors, wall projections, and intersections?

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Is there proper drainage off porches & decks?

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Is there good drainage, directing water away from the house?

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Are the window sills sloped well for drainage or is there standing water?

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## Landscape

Are there bushes that are too close to the wall - minimum 18" clearance?

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Do any trees need to be trimmed back so the tree canopy isn't dripping water down the log walls?

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## Logs

Are the first course of logs a minimum of 12-19" off the ground? If not, install Impel Rods and check them every 2-3 years.

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Have any checks on the upward curvature of the logs opened up to a 1/4" or more? If so, those need caulk.

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Inspect any chinking and/or caulking for loss of adhesion or tears.

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Are there signs of insects?

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Are there signs of rot?

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Are there signs of mildew?

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Are there items stacked against the house—wood piles, leaves or other items that could scrape off the finish?

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Check the stain for signs of erosion, UV degradation, or failure.

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Check that all the gaps at penetrations through walls are caulked, including butt joints.

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Are the logs protruding beyond the roof line? Rafter tails exposed? Use Impel Rods as needed.

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**Repair areas as needed.**

Helping  
your log  
home  
survive  
the  
elements.



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