

Water Control

Gutters and downspouts in good repair?

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

Spigots not spraying the house when hoses are attached?

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

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

Is there proper drainage off porches & decks?

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

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

Landscape

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

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

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.

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

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

Are there signs of insects?

Are there signs of rot?

Are there signs of mildew?

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

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

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

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

Repair areas as needed.

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