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Good reasons for the log home look.



When you mention to your neighbors that you're considering a home with log siding, what do you get? Sneers, questioning looks, comments like "so you want to live with all of the bugs." Or "that kind of house is just a fire hazard". They think you have just lost any marbles that you might have had. And there are other myths about the perceived downside to owning a log home- like higher insurance, higher cost, harder to get a loan and they are not as energy efficient.

The advantages of log siding for your home.

Well, the reality is that there are a lot of advantages for building a log or log siding home. Let's look at 5 realistic reasons to build with log siding.

1. *Last Forever*

There are still log homes in use in Europe after 800 years. Log homes have been around for thousands of years, throughout Eastern and Western Europe and during the last 300 years they have been built in other countries by expatriates

from these cold regions. Greensted church in Essex, England was built out of oak logs in the mid 9th-11th century and still holds regular services in part of the original log structure, testament to the durability of log structures, still standing 1000 years later!

2. Withstand the elements

There are stories galore about log homes withstanding the ravages of hurricanes and the worst conditions. The log and timber home industry has countless stories of these homes successfully weathering the worst weather Mother Nature can dish out. The same holds true for log siding. It seems to last forever.

3. Wood's Warmth

Wood has a natural property called "thermal mass" that helps keep inside temperatures of homes comfortable in all seasons. The wood walls make excellent insulation, especially when you consider the wood on both the interior and exterior walls, plus the insulation between the two. One only has to think of log homes in Sweden or Canada in winter snow to realize how good the insulation factor is. Therefore your home stays a comfortable temperature all year, which saves energy, environmental pollution and money.

4. Super energy efficient

Today, we can build a home with log siding that is 15%-20% more energy efficient than a conventional home. This means it will be 30% more efficient than what building codes call for, saving you serious money over the life of the home.

5. Beautiful Craftsmanship

You'll find more opportunity for fine craftsmanship in stairways with branch-like spindles and balustrade, the hand-scribed overhead large timbers in the cathedral ceiling and in the one-of-a-kind light fixtures.



So, why live in a log home? As we have seen, there are many reasons you might want to live with the benefits that we have discussed, But there's one reason that may be as good as any.

People who live in a log home are something special. You see, if they were in the market for a new home, and while driving around looking at homes, they would

have no qualms about stopping by a log-style home that they really liked, knocking on the door, and asking if they can take a look around. And, of course, the home owners would be glad to take them on a guided tour and a stop for coffee afterwards. They would be discussing who the builder was, where they got their special fixtures, why they should deal with Wood Worker Shoppe, who else they need to talk with along their building journey, and who to call for all the this and that's. A fast friendship would develop and they would be best buddies from then on. That would never happen if they had been looking for a traditional stick built house.