



Log House

One of the most common myths is that you can only build a log house in a certain type of climate. This simply isn't the case. While the majority of log houses are built in largely rural areas, city folks build them as well. It can help them to feel more in touch with the country and make their home stand out at the same time. No matter what their reason, a log house can be built in any climate and any area.

Another common myth is that a log house is a fire hazard. In reality, a log house is often less likely to be ruined by a fire. This is due to the mass of the actual logs used. In a traditionally built home, the walls are made of several materials and are not particularly thick, allowing the fire to burn and move quickly. However, with logs, they are so dense that the fire will burn much more slowly and will be less likely to move to another part of the home.

Many people use a scale known as the R Value to determine how energy efficient a home is. Because a log home rates low on this scale, people often think that means that a log house would not be energy efficient. However, the truth is more complex than the simple R Value. While they don't have the traditional insulation that most homes have, the logs actually absorb heat and can help retain the heat in a home from going outside, thus actually making them often more energy efficient than a traditional home.

Some people believe that because a log house is made of wood that it is more susceptible to pests like termites. While termites and other pests are a concern, they are no more a concern for a log house than a traditional house. As with any other home, the key is to take steps to prevent your home from becoming infested and to act quickly should there be a threat. Traditional homes are also made largely from wood so there is no real reason to feel that a log house will have more pest problems.

Building or buying a log house can be a great way to get a sturdy home that reminds you of the great outdoors. Many people are dissuaded by the myths listed above. However, log houses can truly be built anywhere, are not a high fire hazard, are energy efficient and not prone to become infested more than a traditional home. Understanding these facts is important when deciding which type of house is best for you. While you do want to do your research and choose the best option, keep in mind that many of the reasons people don't choose log houses are unfounded.