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## ABOUT US

*Morningdale Log Homes LLC. is the area's only Authorized Representative for Timberhaven Log Homes LLC.  
Our service area includes Western Pennsylvania, Northwestern New York and Eastern Ohio.*

## UPCOMING SCHEDULED PUBLIC EVENTS

- Sunday June 28, 2020 1PM-4PM: **Open Model Home\***
- Sunday July 19, 2020 1PM-4PM: **Open Model Home\***
- Sunday August 30, 2020 1PM-4PM: **Open Model Home\***

*\* We require that ALL attendees observe the CDC guidelines and wear protective masks.*

## WEBSITE

If you haven't visited the [Morningdale Log Homes website](#) in a while, you might want to visit it again. We have added several features that may be of interest to you including Clients' log or timber frame home photos and at least monthly additions to our Blog page. We are also adding and updating the content regularly, so you should check it often as you never know what special offers or useful information we may have for you.

## COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

This spring our nation and communities were faced with a very nasty virus that is highly transmissible person-to-person and poses a significant threat to our older population and those with pre-existing conditions that make them more prone to complications. At that time, we cancelled all of our public events from our monthly open model home events to area home shows to protect our own health and that of others. Furthermore, PA. Governor Wolf declared all small, "non-essential" businesses, like us, to remain closed during this period.

We are happy to say that we are now open for business as before EXCEPT we are continuing to follow the CDC recommendations by wearing our own KNS-95 masks and **we also require that all visitors bring and wear their own masks.** Why? Because we want to protect ourselves and our Clients and believe that this small measure of prevention is necessary. We trust that you will honor this when visiting us.

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## Touching Up An Interior Log or T&G Wall

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Whether it be at a home show, phone or email inquiry or via a website or social media group, we are frequently asked how one “fixes” a spot on an interior wood wall, whether it be log or tongue and groove (T&G). These “spots” are usually from water or a “shadow” on the wall after a wall hanging has been removed. Regardless of the cause, these spots look far worse than they really are, and can easily be remedied within a short period of time and at very little cost. In fact, the materials to do so cost less than \$25 and, if properly stored, will be usable for years to come.

If the spot has become blackened, there is likely mold present and this must be removed before refinishing the spot. If the spot is not mildewed, skip this step as it is not necessary. We recommend spraying the spot with a good quality mildewcide such as Concrobium® Mold/Mildew remover. Sparingly spray Concrobium® on the blackened area and, following the manufacturer’s directions, allow it to “work” and then gently rinse and wipe off. Now allow the wood to dry for about 8 hours as you do not want to sand, stain or varnish a wet wood.

Next, using a 220-grit sandpaper, gently sand the area to be refinished. To keep your repaired spot from being obvious, we recommend that you sand it in a random pattern and not circular or oval shaped. Stop sanding once the wood is appearing even in color.

Wipe the area with a clean rag lightly dampened in Mineral Spirits. This will help remove any sanding dust and further clean the spot and the surrounding area. Allow the Mineral Spirits to dry for at least 2-hours.

You are now ready to stain the spot so that the repaired area looks like the rest of the wall. We have found, in the case of varnished pine wood, that a good match can be achieved with Varathane® Ipswich Pine stain, so we suggest you start with it. NOTE: When using stain, you may want to wear protective gloves to keep from staining your hands.

Mix the stain thoroughly as the pigment settles to the bottom during storage. Dampen a clean rag with the stain and gently and evenly apply it to the bare wood. As you do this, try to achieve a good color blend with the adjacent, unsanded wood. Wipe off any excess stain. If a good match could not be achieved, we suggest you try a second coat of stain and/or go back to your stain supplier and identify a color/shade that better matches the existing wall. If necessary, you can mix different colored/hued stains to obtain a better match.

Once the spot has been stained, allow the stain to dry overnight. Now mask off the area to be

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varnished with newspaper, butcher paper, plastic sheeting, etc. and masking tape. We recommend that you leave about a 3"-6" margin around the area to be sprayed so blending is easy.

You are now ready to varnish that refinished area. For this, we recommend using a spray acrylic varnish, such as Varthane®, in the Satin finish version if you are uncertain what varnish was originally used on the wood. Shake the can thoroughly to mix it up. When ready, hold the spray nozzle at least 6" from the wood and spray in a gentle sweeping motion. Once the area has been sprayed, allow it to dry per the manufacturer's instructions. Apply a second coat of varnish if necessary and allow it to dry.

Now sit back and enjoy your refinish job...looks great, huh? Congratulations!

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