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### **Maple Island Log Homes Buyer's Guide Profile**

Since its inception nearly 30 years ago, Maple Island has built over 800 authentic, hand-crafted residential and commercial log structures across North America. Since 1977 they have been designing and building innovative, unique custom log homes with an attention to detail that has made them one of the most respected companies in the log home industry.

Maple Island is the largest hand-crafted log homebuilding company east of the Rockies. Their success is the result of hard work, talent and the collective vision of Maple Island log-crafters, architects and designers who actively challenge conventional thinking of what can be done with logs. The result is pure brilliance.

Maple Island log-crafters are highly skilled in the art and science of hand-crafting. Logs retain their unique 'personalities' and are naturally tapered. Logs are never milled to conform to a uniform shape and thickness, as is done with pre-cut style homes.

Handcrafted log homes have a more natural appearance than those built with either pre-cut or milled logs. Maple Island logs have no milling marks and are full-length, not pieced or butted together.

Logs are selectively harvested from the forests of northern Michigan. Once arriving at the Maple Island yard, they're stripped of bark to aid in the drying process and eliminate potential insect problems. Later, they are hand-peeled using a drawknife, which brings out the natural beauty and grain in the wood. Each Maple Island log home is first built in the log yard where builders can take advantage of a wide selection of logs and the heavy equipment needed to move them about.

The next step integrates logs into the log-work shell. Each log is individually scribed, notched and fitted into position. Significant skill is needed in this step to make sure the notching is visibly tight. This scribing technique has nearly become a lost art.

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The log shell package is pre-assembled at the log yard where an average-sized shell can be built in about 10 weeks. It's then taken apart, shipped to the owner's site and reconstructed in approximately 3 days.

Maple Island has an in-house architectural team to custom design each home and provide technical guidance during the finishing stages. Computer-aided drawings and construction documentation are integral parts of the services provided.

Maple Island prefers to work directly with buyers. No dealerships or representatives market for this company. Buyers deal direct, ensuring better communication and greater satisfaction.

Each Maple Island log home is a reflection of the buyer's appreciation for uniqueness, creativity and elegance. For anyone seriously contemplating the building of a truly magnificent, one-of-a-kind home, Maple Island can make it happen.

You do the dreaming. They'll saw the logs.

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