



UNDERSTANDING YOUR LIMITED WARRANTY



RESIDENTIAL
WARRANTY PROGRAM

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BRIEF OVERVIEW

Accounting for all sorts of circumstances make warranty documents lengthy. This paragraph is a brief and frank explanation so you can best protect your interest. **It is not part of the actual coverage or warranty certificate enclosed.**

Canadian warranty programs provide homeowner protection in 5 main areas.

- #1** Insuring builders possess the competence to build homes.
- #2** Define a minimum warranty standard for defect repairs. (Similar to the National building Code, the warranty standards are common to the entire industry).
- #3** Provide a dispute resolution service, - mediator. This service is primarily an inspector insuring the industry warranty standards for any particular circumstance is properly defined and corrected.
- #4** Protecting against builder defaults. During the first 12 months the builder is responsible for warranty servicing at least to the minimum standards on latent defects. If the builder cannot or refuses to complete repairs in an appropriate time the warranty program will do so. Note #3 of "Common limitations to keep in mind".
- #5 Major Structural Defects (MSD)**

Past the first year Lux provides what is known by industry as Major Structural Defect coverage. It protects the home against severe or Major damage to the structural components or damage to structural components that could lead to structural failure.. Although not numerous they are common. Approximately 1 per 800 homes.

PROMPT, EFFECTIVE, SERVICE.

Prompt friendly service is paramount. Although we share many similarities in coverage and standards with the Canadian home warranty program industry we do offer a number of consumer benefits unique to Lux.

THE FIRST 12 MONTH

For defects and service 1st contact your builder. Immediately for water penetration or defects that can cause additional damage. For typical items like significant nail pops etc. request your builder provide you with an appointment (often near the end of the 1st yr term).

WE ARE HERE TO ASSIST YOU

Anytime with technical questions, clarification on industry standards etc. If you cannot obtain the service required from your builder simply send us a help request on our homeowner helpline at luxwarranty.com. You will not be charged for any inspections that may be required.

AFTER YEAR ONE

Uniquely, you will not be required to hire an engineer for a major structural defect report. You are not charged for a qualified inspection service.

COMMON LIMITATION TO KEEP IN MIND

- #1** Patent defects are considered contractual items, (no warranty) they are imperfections visible at possession that you either except or make arrangements for.
- #2** Industry warranty performance standards have limitations and can be found at **Luxwarranty.com**
- #3** For 1st yr. coverage you must advise us of defects during the first 373 days.
- #4** After year 1. Example; small foundation wall cracks are very seldom MSDs although they may leak water. Foundation wall water penetration coverage is freely available with the use of Delta MS on the foundation.

Moisture; Balance is key. From summer to winter Atlantic Canada has large swings in moisture levels. Floors and other wood elements need to have a constant moisture level between 40 - 65%. A \$12. hygrometer will allow you to monitor moisture levels. Your (HRV) ventilator provides outside air to the home, this air could be too dry in winter or too moist in the summer. Videos on such items will soon be available at **luxwarranty.com**.

LIMITED WARRANTY

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

In each instance, the Builder or LRWP responsibilities for warranty coverage under this program are subject to the following:

- Prior to claim LRWP must be in possession of a valid LRWP Possession Certificate.
- In the event of a warranty claim, the decision of whether to repair or replace a defective item is solely the Builder's or LRWP, as applicable.
- **Financial Liability.** The maximum aggregate liability to LRWP is for the Latent Defect Warranty and the Major Structural Defect Warranty only and shall not exceed a total of \$35,000. per home or condo. The total aggregated amount for any condo building is \$35,000. per unit up to \$500,000. per building.
- In the first year, if the Builder does not fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, the Program Warrantor will be responsible for the Builder's obligations, subject to a one time deductible of \$100. In years 2 to expiry the Program Warrantor will be responsible, subject to proper notice, for the Builder's obligations subject to a deductible of \$300.00 per claim. In each instance, the deductible must be paid by the Homeowner prior to repair or replacement.
- Action taken to repair defects will not extend the periods of coverage specified in the Agreement.
- Prior to the Builder or the Program Warrantor repairing or replacing a defective item, the Homeowner may be required to sign and deliver to the Builder or LRWP, as the case may be, a full and unconditional release, in recordable form, of all legal obligations with respect to the defect and any conditions arising from the defect. However, the repairs or replacement item will continue to be covered by the Agreement.
- In the event the Builder or the Program Warrantor repairs or replaces, any item covered by the Agreement, the Builder and the Program Warrantor shall be subrogated to all of the Homeowner's rights of recovery therefore against any person or entity (including the Builder if its obligations hereunder have been performed by LRWP) and the Homeowner agrees to execute and deliver any and all instruments and papers and to take any and all other actions necessary to secure such rights, including, but not limited to, assignment of the proceeds of any other insurance or warranties to the Builder or LRWP, as appropriate. The Homeowner shall do nothing to prejudice such rights of subrogation.
- In the event that the Homeowner, Builder and or the Program Warrantor are in the process of a dispute resolution and the Builder fails to make repairs ordered by LRWP. LRWP will undertake to cause the related warranty obligation to be resolved as set in the program to be immediately repaired. As all decisions of LRWP are binding on all parties, LRWP is to be fully compensated for all work performed with respect to said dispute by the culpable party. This warranty certificate is an important document, as such, LRWP advises you to review its contents carefully and consult with a professional if required.
- If a Major Structural Defect arises in the Homeowners Home during years two through expiry of the Agreement, LRWP at its sole option will repair or replace the defective item. The responsibilities of LRWP as set forth herein, will be limited to such actions as are necessary to restore load-bearing capability to the load-bearing component of the Home and to repair those elements of the Home damaged by the Major Structural Defect which make the Home physically unsafe.

(1) Major structural defects are defined as defects resulting in failure of the load bearing portions of the home, which virtually affects the use of the home for residential purposes. Load bearing components include: piles, footings, foundation walls, grade beams, tele-posts, bearing walls, floor joists, posts, beams and roof trusses.

(2) Examples of non-load-bearing elements which will be deemed not to have Major Structural Defect potential are, (this list is not exhaustive) Non-load-bearing partitions and walls, wall tile or paper, plaster, laths, or dry wall, flooring and sub-flooring material, brick, stucco, stone, or veneer, exterior siding, roof shingles, sheathing, and tar paper, heating, cooling, ventilating, plumbing, electrical and mechanical systems, appliances, fixtures, or items of equipment and doors, trim, cabinets, hardware, insulation, paint, and stains, drainage systems or water penetration of any kind.

HOW TO MAKE A WARRANTY CLAIM

Dispute Settlement:

- a.** Carefully read and review the Agreement and the standards to determine whether the defect is covered.
- b.** Notice to Builder for defects arising in Year 1. If you have a claim, which you believe is covered by this Agreement and it arises during the warranty period as defined by this Agreement, Written notice of a defect covered during year one must be received by the Builder during the first year and no later than seven (7) calendar days following the expiration of the applicable warranty period. If notice to the Builder does not result in satisfaction within 30 days, written notice must be given to LRWP as warrantor, you must send a notice to LRWP, which is clear and describes the defect in detail along with the written notice provided to the builder and proof of delivery by registered mail. The notice to LRWP should describe each defect in detail and should be forwarded by Registered Mail.
- c.** Conciliation and Arbitration: If the dispute cannot be successfully resolved between the Builder and homeowner, a third party conciliation/arbitration service shall be completed by LRWP and delivered to the Homeowner and Builder as a means of dispute resolution between the respective parties. The findings of said conciliation/arbitration shall be binding on all parties.
- d.** Claims Contact. The Homeowner shall forward all claims in writing to the LRWP Atlantic office at: Claims Department LRWP Atlantic P.O. Box 27046 Dieppe, New Brunswick, E1A 6V3

INSPECTION AND MEDIATION

During the first thirty (30) days following LRWPs receipt of proper notice of a defect or claim, LRWP will review and mediate the claim by communicating with the Builder, the Homeowner and any other individuals or entities who LRWP believes possesses relevant information. LRWP will issue a binding conciliation report to both the builder and homeowner.

- LRWP, at any time following the receipt of proper notice of a claim against any of the coverage listed in this Agreement, may schedule an inspection of the defect or an appraisal acceptable to LRWP. The homeowner must provide LRWP, the Builder, or if applicable, the LRWP consultants with reasonable weekday access during normal Business Hours in order to perform its obligations. Failure by the Homeowner to provide such access to the Builder or LRWP will relieve the Builder or LRWP of its obligations under this Agreement.

- Where a claim is filed that cannot be observed or determined under normal conditions, it is the Homeowner's responsibility to substantiate that the condition does exist. Any cost involved shall be paid by the Homeowner, and if properly substantiated, reimbursement shall be made by your Builder or LRWP to a maximum of \$300. dollars.

- Remedial Action. When a defect has been identified, LRWP will ensure that it is corrected by the Builder or themselves. Cash settlements would be contemplated only under very special circumstances. A decision in favor of a cash settlement may occur after negotiation with the homeowner and the approved lender.

NOTICE OF MAJOR STRUCTURAL DEFECT CLAIM ARISING IN YEARS 2 THROUGH EXPIRY

If you have a claim as a result of a Major Structural Defect occurring during the second year through expiry date of this Agreement, you should notify LRWP as Warrantor of this Agreement, and LRWP will investigate the claim. All such claims must be presented in writing to: LRWP Atlantic, P.O. Box 27046, Dieppe, New Brunswick, E1A 6V3, by Registered Mail, Return Receipt Requested within a reasonable time after the Major Structural Defect arises but in no event later than Seven (7) days after the expiration of the term of this Agreement. Claims received after that period will not be valid. Any such notice should describe the defect in as much detail as possible.

CONTENT AND TIMING OF NOTICE TO LRWP

Please note that LRWP must receive a written notice of claim within seven (7) days after the expiration of the applicable warranty period. For example, if the defect is one which is covered under the Builder one year warranty period, notice must be received by LRWP within seven (7) days of the end of the first year, or the notice will not be valid. Notice to the Builder does not constitute notice to LRWP, nor will it be deemed to extend applicable coverage periods. This notice must contain the following information:

- The enrollment number and possession date.
- The Builders name and address;
- Your name, address, home and work phone number
- A specific description of the defect(s); and a copy of your written notice to the Builder.

30 DAY RESPONSE

You have an obligation to cooperate with LRWP's inspection and investigation of your claim. From time to time, LRWP may request information from you regarding your claim. Failure by you or your appointed representative to respond with the requested information within 30 days of the date of request shall result in the closing of your claim file.

Rental Units; Rental Units may only qualify for Major Structural Defect Coverage.

Warranty Transferability; The Warranties contained in this agreement shall automatically extend to the future registered purchasers of this home subject to any conditions applied by the original or subsequent owners.

BUILDER'S RESPONSIBILITY AND PURCHASER'S RIGHTS: YEAR ONE

If a defect in the Home arises due to nonconformity with the warranty standards during the first year of this Agreement the Builder will repair or replace the defective item; if a Major Structural Defect arises in a Home during the first year of this Agreement, the Builder will repair or replace the defective item, limited to such actions as are necessary to restore load-bearing capability to the load-bearing components of a Home and to repair those elements of a Home damaged by the Major Structural Defect which make the Home physically unsafe.

Latent Defects in Workmanship and Defective Material;

Latent Defects are defined as defects or imperfections which manifest themselves after possession or are not visible at the time of possession even with a reasonably and careful inspection.

Patent defects;

Are defects or imperfections in the home which could be revealed before possession by way of a reasonable inspection. These items are considered contractual matters.

The following exceptions and exclusions apply to defects not covered under this Agreement: Failure of the Builder to complete; construction, registration of the warranty or installation of the Home on or before the Effective Date or damages arising from such failure. An incomplete item is not considered a defect hereunder, although a Builder is otherwise obligated to complete such items under contract to the homeowner.

- Damage to property, chattels or bodily injury.

- Any act of terrorism or defect which does not result in actual physical damage.

- All consequential damages including, but not limited to, transportation, food, moving, storage, or other incidental expenses related to relocation during repairs.

- Any claim reported after an unreasonable delay, not reported to the builder for any reason or later than seven (7) days after the expiration of the applicable warranty period or any claim without proper notification to LRWP.

- Loss or damage caused to a Home directly or indirectly by insects, birds, vermin, rodents, or animals.

- Defect which arises while a Home is used for non residential purposes, including renting, leasing etc.

Any deficiencies in or damage caused by material or work supplied by anyone other than the Builder or its employees, agents, or subcontractors.

- Damages or losses not caused by a defect in construction of a Home by a builder or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, but resulting instead from acts or omissions of the purchaser, his agents, employees, invitees, accidents, riots, civil commotion, nuclear hazards, acts of God or nature, fire, explosion, blasting, smoke, water escape, windstorms, hail, lightning, falling trees, aircraft, vehicles, flood, mud slides, sinkholes, faults, crevices, earthquake, including land shock waves, tremors or volcanic eruptions.
- Loss or damage resulting from a Purchaser's failure to perform routine maintenance and maintaining proper moisture levels in the home.
- Loss or damage resulting from the Purchaser's failure to minimize or prevent such damage in a timely manner.
- Damage caused by soil movement, including subsidence of land around the Home or along the utility lines, expansion or lateral movement of the soil, to any Home or to any other Home in the surrounding area.
- Loss or damage to or resulting from defects in outbuildings including, but not limited to detached carports, swimming pools and any other recreational facilities, driveways, walkways, patios, boundary and retaining walls, fences, landscaping (including sod, shrubs, trees and planting) French drains, septic systems, off-site improvements, or any other improvement not a part of a Home itself. A fence, utility line or similar union shall not cause an outbuilding to be considered attached.
- Loss or damage caused by the phenomenon known as roof truss uplift.
- Loss or damage caused by, defects in any part of the foundation or the building, from the attachment of components, such as vents, fascia, skylights, or other such materials, accessories or machinery, the attachment of which is not made known to and approved by the Builder in writing or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the Builder.
- Loss or damage to products or materials which are not supplied by the Builder except to the extent of the guarantee given by the actual Builder.
- Loss or damage to used materials or to materials repaired or replaced under this Agreement except to the extent of the remainder of the applicable warranty period (to repaired, repainted, replaced or used materials).
- Loss or damage to driveways, basement floors, garage floors, patios, sidewalks, retaining walls, and all concrete constructions which are not load bearing.
- Loss or damage to any tires, axles, wheels, tie down straps, anchors, or any defects that occur to skirting installation or anchoring device affixed to the foundation, from the structure of a Home.
- Loss or damage caused by condensation damage resulting from improper ground moisture retarder protection, or ventilation.
- Loss or any resultant damage caused by the failure of any appliance, system, or structure which may be covered under any Purchasers' insurance policy.
- Damage which would not have occurred, in whole or in part, but for the actual or alleged exposure to, existence of, or presence of, any fungi or bacteria on or within a building or structure, regardless of whether any other cause, event, material or product contributed concurrently or in any sequence to such damage.
- Landscaping, septic beds, water sheds, foundation or any other drainage systems, tile beds.
Water Penetration of any kind after the first year of possession.
- The Builder does not provide any warranty for work done or any materials provided by the Retailer, any installer or contractor or any other person, except where it has expressly so stated.