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Yes! You need to wash your shell garment from time to time, even if it doesn't look dirty. Salt (sweat), dirt and oils clog up the membrane after a while and impact both water repellency and breathability. It also damages the fabric over time. These simple wash and re-proof instructions will enhance the performance of your shell and make it last longer.

STEP 1 – PREPARE

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Always follow the wash instructions on your garment's care label. Prepare your shell by emptying all pockets, closing all zippers and Velcros, and turning it inside out. We highly recommend using a technical liquid detergent, like NikWax® Tech Wash to reactivate DWR and breathability.

STEP 2 – WASH

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Choose a gentle wash program, low temperature, with an extra rinse and low spin cycle. Wash together with other technical garments but avoid overloading the washing machine. Do not use fabric softener or powder detergent (powder detergent can ruin the membrane). Take your garment out as soon as the wash cycle ends unless you are planning to re-proof it. (see step 3)

STEP 3 – RE-PROOF (every 5–6th wash)

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After washing your garment, you can choose to re-proof it, which means adding or restoring water repellency.

Option 1:

Wash your wet garment again right away, but with a water repellent impregnation liquid this time. We use NikWax® TX.direct.

Option 2:

Use a re-impregnation spray, like Nikwax® TX.direct Spray-On or similar. Place your garment on a hanger, close all zippers (they should be closed already, but in case you forgot), and spray directly on your wet product.

STEP 4 – DRY IT

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Almost done! Simply hang to dry. No heat is needed to re-activate the DWR (Durable Water Repellency), the technical detergent does that job for you.

STEP 5 – STORE IT

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Before storing your shell garment for the season, always wash and re-impregnate.

Good luck!