

COMPOSITE TIMBER MAINTENANCE GUIDE

POST-INSTALLATION CARE

a. Rinse off Construction Dust

After installation, give the composite decking a thorough rinse with clean water to remove any construction dust, sawdust, or debris. This prevents fine particles from settling into the textured surface and ensures the decking starts off clean and ready for use.

b. Avoid Dragging Heavy Objects

Dragging heavy furniture, planters, or equipment across the decking can cause surface scratches or gouges. Always lift and carry items instead, especially when repositioning during furnishing or landscaping.

c. Use Protective Pads Under Furniture

To maintain the pristine look of your decking, attach protective pads or glides under the legs of tables, chairs, and other outdoor furniture. This helps distribute weight more evenly and prevents marks or dents over time.

DAILY/WEEKLY CLEANING

a. Sweep Decking Regularly

Sweep the surface frequently to remove leaves, dust, and debris. Organic matter can trap moisture and cause surface staining if left for extended periods, especially in shaded or damp areas.

b. Wash with Water or Low-Pressure Spray

For general cleaning, use a garden hose or a pressure washer on a low setting ($\leq 1,000$ psi) with a fan-tip nozzle. This effectively removes dirt without damaging the composite material. Always spray in the direction of the grain to avoid streaking.

c. Address Spills Involving Oil, Wine or Food

Promptly clean up any spills, especially those involving grease, oil, wine, or food. Use warm soapy water and a soft brush or sponge to lift the residue. This prevents staining and keeps the decking looking fresh and uniform.

d. Avoid Using Harsh/Abrasive Cleaning Products

Do not use abrasive pads, steel wool, or harsh cleaning chemicals such as bleach, acetone, or ammonia. These can damage the surface finish and reduce the aesthetic lifespan of the decking.

e. Inspect Fittings Periodically

Regularly check all visible screws, fasteners, and edge clips to ensure they remain secure. Tighten any loose fittings to maintain structural integrity and prevent movement of the decking boards.

GENERAL CARE TIPS

- a. Prevent standing water by ensuring proper drainage to reduce moisture buildup.
- b. Keep grills and heat sources such as barbecue grills elevated.
- c. Protect furniture contact points with felt pads or rubber glides.