

CARE & CLEANING

Generic care and cleaning for all deck types is fairly straightforward. It's not going to take hours and hours. Keeping track of what your deck needs in terms of care tends to avoid more serious problems later on. Different decking materials will have different cleaning and care requirements, but in a generic sense, there are a few things you can do.

A good scrub brush or power hose can give your deck a good cleaning once or twice a year. Painting or staining your deck every couple of years is also a good idea. Keep in mind that if you have a deck made from composite materials, you don't need to be worry about painting or staining. All you have to do is wash the deck down once or twice a year. Basic cleaning and care for your deck will ensure it gives you years of pleasure. Make sure to keep track of the last time you cleaned, stained, or painted your deck.

Pressure-Treated Lumber

Mild soaps with a good scrub can do a wonderful job of cleaning your pressure treated deck. Regularly inspect your deck to help avoid potential future types of damage.

Cedar

Cedar is designed to last for years and years to come, but there are some basic care and cleaning tips that are always good to keep in mind. Having the wood treated every couple of years ensures a couple of things. It protects your deck from any warping or fading that can be caused by the sun's harmful UV rays. It can also protect your deck from weather such as rain. Properly treating your deck can also prevent high temperatures from wearing down the finish and overall quality of the deck over time. If you want to clean the deck, use a scrub brush or power hose once or twice a year. In general, caring for a pressure-treated cedar deck is easy.

Trex

The great thing about Trex products is how little they demand of the owner in terms of care. With Trex products, you're talking about some of the best low-maintenance decking materials on the market. Trex Accents products require only a cleaning with a deck wash every once in a while. We suggest using the deck wash to clean Trex Accents products once or twice a year. In the end, it's really your decision to make. Trex Transcend, Trex Enhance, and Trex Select require even less in the way of care. All you have to do is clean them with soap and water once or twice a year. The various steps involved with making sure your Trex products are being properly cared for are simple enough that anyone can do them. Even if you don't go the DIY route with your Trex products, you can easily keep your Trex products clean.

Fiberon

There's no disputing the fact that when it comes to the proper care for your Fiberon products, these are products that ideal for those who don't want to spend more time taking care of their deck than actually being able to enjoy it. While it's true that Fiberon has a few more care requirements than Trex decking products, you should still note that nothing about the care and maintenance of the Fiberon products you've chosen is going to be too terribly difficult to handle. You want to keep your Fiberon deck dry and clean at all times. The deck should be cleaned twice a year. Having a minimum of six inches in ventilation under the deck is also a good idea, in addition to maintaining the required spacing between each board. Also, you want the dryer vent to be positioned away from your deck. These are some of the basics that should be kept in mind.

Exotic Woods

When cleaning your exotic wood deck, you should only use a very mild hardwood cleaner. Avoid using a power washer. Make sure your deck is stained as soon as possible.