



COMPOSITE DECKING **CLEANING GUIDE**



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THE SUSTAINABLE WOOD COMPOSITE ALTERNATIVE

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TIMMDEK® CLEANING, CARE AND MAINTENANCE GUIDE

Unlike traditional timber decks that often require expensive sanding and sealing, your Timmdek® composite deck is specifically engineered to endure for up to 25 years with minimal maintenance. While all exterior building materials, including composite decking, can accumulate dirt and debris over time, it is essential to provide some care and cleaning to keep your Timmdek® composite deck in its best possible condition.

Timmdek®'s composite materials come with numerous advantages when compared to timber, and low maintenance is certainly one of the most significant benefits. This means you can enjoy your outdoor space without the constant worry of upkeep. To assist you in maintaining your deck, we have compiled a practical guide detailing the most effective methods for cleaning your composite decking. Additionally, we have included useful tips for tackling those stubborn stains that may occasionally appear. By following these guidelines, you can ensure that your Timmdek® composite deck remains looking great and serves you well for many years to come.



ITEMS REQUIRED FOR CLEANING YOUR DECKING BOARDS



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GLOVES



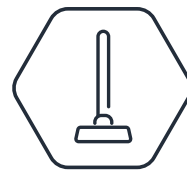
DECK
CLEANER



HOSE PIPE
CONNECTOR



WATER
BUCKET



SOFT TO MEDIUM
BRISTLED BROOM
/ BRUSH



PRESSURE
HOSE
WITH A FAN NOZZLE
ATTACHMENT

CLEANING YOUR TIMMDEK® COMPOSITE DECK: STEP BY STEP

Apart from regular inspections of your deck substructure to ensure its ongoing integrity, just follow our simple steps to keep your deck clean and looking it's best. If you have questions or need additional support, please email or call your closet Timmdek® branch.

STEP 1

Before cleaning your deck, we advise using gloves and remove any items / furniture from your deck.

STEP 2

Sweep away any debris from your deck.

STEP 3

Using either a bucket, garden hose or pressure washer with a fan nozzle attachment, rinse the deck with water ensuring it is completely soaked.

STEP 4

Apply the mixed Deck Cleaner to your boards and soak for 2-3 minutes or 5-10 minutes stubborn stains. Using your soft to medium bristled broom, gently scrub the deck to remove all dirt and residue from your boards, you can use a smaller soft to medium brush to clean between the board gaps. For optimal results, sweeping in the direction of the board's grain will insure a better result.

STEP 5

After done scrubbing, rinse off the boards with a copious amount of water and be sure to remove all of the cleaning solution.

Note: Always test a small area first before proceeding with the entire clean.

Avoid using any strong or harsh chemicals such as bleach as they can discolour or damage your boards.

NEVER use a metal or plastic shovel with a metal leading edge to remove ice or snow from a Timmdek® deck.

Please exercise extreme caution when using your pressure hose, as it can damage your boards if used incorrectly.

If you have any hesitation or need expert advise, please call one of our expert salesman for assistance.

GENERAL CARE

Timmdek® composite decking boards are the durable and low-maintenance choice for any outdoor space. To keep them looking their best and extend their lifespan, a few simple care and maintenance tips can make a big difference. Follow these general guidelines to ensure your **Timmdek®** deck stays beautiful and safe for years to come.

Regular sweeping and rinsing your boards will help prevent scratches and maintain a clean surface.

Only use cleaning and treatment products approved by the composite material manufacturer to avoid damaging the material.

Potent cleaning agents, oxidants and strong mineral acids, aromatic and / or halogenated hydrocarbons, esters, ethers, and ketones should be shunned.

Water, aqueous salt solutions, detergent solutions, dilute acids and alkalis are acceptable.

To ensure that the cleaner and soft to medium bristled broom will not damage the cap, test a small patch of board or a scrap piece of decking material before use. Use a plastic shovel to remove snow from the surface. For ice, use rock salt or a calcium chloride-based ice melt, as these are less likely to damage the composite material.

Wipe up spills as soon as they occur to avoid any stains.

Some products, such as sunblock and insect repellent, contain chemicals that may alter the surface of **Timmdek®** composite materials. Prior to use of these products on or near a **Timmdek®** deck, check product labels and consult the manufacturer about the product's effect on plastic materials.

Avoid the use of rubber-backed mats, tarps, pool toys, and other non-porous items on the deck for any extended period of time as these may cause discolouration to the decking surface.

Move or remove furniture, door mats, planters and other accessories to avoid differential weathering. Place mats or rugs in high-traffic areas and under grills / outdoor furniture to catch spills and prevent staining from oils and food.

Do not leave products like PVC glues, cement, or similar products on your **Timmdek®** deck. As it may damage and discolour the surface of your boards.

Using the correct brush is very important. A soft to medium stiffness nylon bristle brush, can be used to remove dust or similar stains.

If mold or mildew appears, use a non-abrasive cleaner specifically made for composite materials. For best results, follow the manufacturer's instructions on the product.

Inspect your outdoor area periodically for any signs of damage, such as loose boards, cracks, or fading. Address any issues immediately to prevent further damage.

Follow the manufacturer's guidelines for repairing any damage. In some cases, replacing a damaged board may be necessary to maintain the deck's appearance and structural integrity.



5 POINTS TO KEEP IN MIND

- 1) If you're still worried about your decking boards, opt for a cleaning solution without chlorine bleach.
- 2) You can use various cleaning agents on your decking boards, such as ammonia, soap, apple cider vinegar, or white vinegar.
- 3) Be gentle with your decking boards. Use brooms / brushes with soft to medium bristles. A wire brush will scratch your decking surfaces. Always use clean water on the decking areas.
- 4) Pressure hose is also a good choice for cleaning your deck surfaces. You can remove dirt and debris with a pressure washer occasionally. When using a pressure hose, mind the temperature and speed.
- 5) Make sure to check if your decking surface is porous. If your deck boards are porous, they'll absorb moisture from cleaning. You can test this yourself. If your deck boards become heavier when wet, they're porous.

FAQ’S FOR STUBBORN STAINS

PROBLEM	SOLUTION
DIRT AND DEBRIS	The affected area should be sprayed off with a pressure hose to remove surface debris. Use warm, soapy water and a soft to medium bristled broom / brush to remove dirt and debris from the wood grain pattern.
HARD WATER STAINING	Hard water is water with high amounts of mineral deposits. When the water dries, deposits are left behind, leaving unsightly spots. These deposits can be cleaned with white vinegar but rinsing is required, so care should be taken to avoid hard water for this purpose. If hard water must be used, dry the surface with a cloth.
FOOD, GREASE AND OIL	All food, grease and oil spills should be removed as soon as possible. To remove, spray off with a pressure hose and use warm, soapy water and a bristled broom / brush to remove spills from the wood grain pattern.
MOLD AND MILDEW	Using a pressure hose and warm, soapy water with a soft to medium bristled broom / brush is recommended to remove the mold’s food source.
RUST STAINS	Use a deck cleaning solution, to lighten or remove rust. Solution may need to soak on the stain for 10 – 15 minutes before rinsing with a pressure hose.
ANIMAL SCAT	Using a pressure hose and warm, soapy water with a soft to medium bristled broom / brush to remove the waste.
CHALK LINES	Most coloured chalks are permanent and may discolour the surface. Use white chalk if possible or consult your supplier on other materials.
SANDING	Timmdek® does not recommend sanding. Sanding will change the appearance of your decking board and void the warranty with respect to any damage caused by the sanding.
SCUFFS MARKS	Scuffs and abrasions can fade or disappear naturally after a period due to natural weathering.
PRESSURE HOSE	A pressure hose with at a pressure no greater than 1 500 psi with a fan nozzle attachment. Keep the nozzle 300 ml away from the decking surface when spraying.
DISPOSAL	Timmdek® decking products should be disposed with normal construction debris or returned to your closest Timmdek® branch. NEVER burn Timmdek® products.



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