

Recommended Products for WPC General Cleaning

Although WPC products are low-maintenance, we recommend periodic cleaning to help maintain the beauty of the product.

Brushes

Using the correct brush is very important. Using the incorrect brush can make cleaning more difficult or even damage the deck board. We recommend using the Quickie® Bulldozer Deck Scrub Brush or a medium stiffness nylon bristle deck brush. These can be found at most large retail home centers or online. Do not use a stiff, natural fiber deck brush on WPC Decking as they can dull the surface.

Cleaner

- The cleaners recommended for periodic cleaning for use with Decking include:
- Wash Safe Spray and Clean Composite Deck Cleaner
- Resist Mist Composite Deck Cleaner
- Corte Clean®
- Super Deck Composite Deck Cleaner
- Thompson's® Water Seal® - Oxy Action

Cleaning products

- Usual maintenance cleaning may be done using water with a mild detergent (pH 5 to 8).
- If atmospheric pollution has resulted in heavy soiling of the coating, some stains or marks may require stronger domestic products, such as alcohol, petroleum spirits, white spirits or bleach diluted to five percent (5%). In this instance, rinse the coating immediately after using the cleaning product.
- In no circumstance shall any abrasive cleaner, polish, cleanings containing keytones or ether be used.

Dirt, Grime, Tannin, and Mildew Stains

WPC traditional composite products are formulated to inhibit mildew growth and minimize staining. Rinse off your products periodically with a hose. Even if it appears clean, it is important to prevent build-up of pollen/debris. Mildew stains may occur where moisture, pollens, and/or dirt are present. Mildew needs a food source to grow, which can be grass, pollens, dirt, debris, wood, and wood resins.

Maintaining a clean dry surface is the best method for combating mildew. Ensure that water drains effectively from your deck. For Composite Decking, be sure that gaps exist between boards to allow for drainage. Cleaners and brushes that are recommended for mildew removal and/or heavy cleaning are:

- Quickie® Bulldozer Deck Scrub Brush or a medium stiffness nylon bristle deck brush
- Wash Safe Spray and Clean Composite Deck Cleaner
- Resist Mist Composite Deck Cleaner

Like any other wood-based product, WPC Wood-PE composite products may experience a naturally occurring process called Extractive Bleeding/Tannins. This process may cause temporary discoloration that will weather away with exposure to flushing rainfall and UV. In most cases, the weathering process takes 8-10 weeks but could vary depending on location and specific product application such as a covered porch.

Other Considerations

To keep your Deck looking its best, here are a few things to consider:

- 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 items may cause discoloration to the decking surface.
- Some products, such as sunblock and insect repellent, contain chemicals that may alter the surface of Deck, Rail, or and Covers. Prior to use of these products on or near a Deck, Rail, or Porch, check product labels and consult the manufacturer about the product's effect on plastic materials.
- Do not get any PVC glue or similar product on the surface of any WPC Deck, Rail, or Porch product as it may discolor and permanently damage the surface.

- As with any walking surface, Deck products may become slippery in freezing weather. Take caution when walking in these conditions. For ice removal, most products containing calcium chloride can be used without damage to the deck or porch surface. These products may leave a white residue which can be cleaned using the cleaning guidelines in the previous pages.
- Metal shovels or plastic shovels with a metal leading edge will damage the surface of Deck and are not recommended for clearing snow from deck surface.
- Do not allow airborne construction dust from materials such as concrete, fiber cement, landscape blocks, stucco, and drywall to accumulate on the surface of Deck as it may damage the surface of the deck. Do not cut any product and always remove job site dust, clay, dirt, mud, and other construction products from Deck, Rail, and Other composite product quickly. Do not allow construction dirt and debris to sit on the Deck, Rail, or Porch surface. Do not cut metal objects such as railing on the deck surface, the hot debris from the cut may become embedded in the deck surface resulting in staining and damage.