

# DECK MAINTENANCE

When it comes to maintaining the beauty and functionality from your deck, a little care and cleaning can go a long way. Below is a list of the periodic cleaning and maintenance is recommended by the manufacturer.

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### Basic Cleaning Recommendations

- Power washing can be used when cleaning. The maximum recommended pressure is 1500 psi. A fan tip nozzle should be used. Spray in the direction of the brush/grain pattern to avoid damaging the product.
- Use Isopropyl Alcohol (rubbing alcohol) to remove product information printing on the side or bottom of the TimberTech deck plank.

### Ice and Snow

- For ice removal, rock salt or calcium chloride may be used without damage to the surface. However, either product may leave a white residue which may be removed by either rinsing with water or a mild soap/water solution. Use care and caution to not damage the surface of your deck when shoveling snow or ice off of it.

### Scratches, Nicks, Cut and Grooves

- Scratches, nicks, cuts, and groves can be eliminated by using a wire brush. Brush in the direction of the grain of the product. The brushed area will weather back in approximately 8-10 weeks.

## CLEANING

For periodic maintenance cleaning, rinse deck thoroughly. A soap and water solution can be used as needed. Keeping an unsoiled deck surface will make cleanup after a spill much easier.

### Dirt, Grime, Tannin and Mildew Stains

- TimberTech products are formulated to inhibit mildew growth and minimize staining. Rinse off your deck periodically with a hose. Even if it appears clean, it is important to prevent building-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.
- Maintain a clean, dry surface to combat mildew. Ensure that water drains effectively from your deck and be sure that gaps exists between planks to allow for drainage. The following products are recommended for periodic cleaning: Super Deck Composite Cleaner, Corte Clean, E Z Off Composite Wood Cleaner, and Thompson's Water Seal-Oxy Action.

- If stains have set, use fine sandpaper and sand lightly, followed by a wire rush to re-grain the decking. Always follow the wood grain finish of the plank. The sanded area will weather back in approximately 8-10 weeks but can vary depending on location and specific application.
- Spot Stains can be cleaned with soap and water. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions to achieve maximum result. Areas cleaned may lighten; this will require 8-10 weeks exposure to the sun to match the remaining product. If the stains have set, TimberTech recommends the following cleaners to remove or reduce the stains:

<b>Stain</b>	<b>Recommended Product</b>
Tree Sap	Krud Cutter, Simple Green
Spray Paint	Lift Off #4
Oil, Grease	Krud Cutter, Oil Eater
BBQ, Ketchup, Mustard, Jelly and Jam	Krud Cutter
Wine	Wine Away
Kool-Aid	Oxi-Clean

- If something pills on your deck surface, take the following actions:
  - immediately wipe the soiled area and remove as much of the spill as possible
  - If the spill consists of an abrasive substance, blot the spill. Do not rub.
  - Soak the stained area with warm water and blot with a soft towel.
  - If the stain is still evident, mix a solution of mild dishwashing detergent and warm water in a small bucket.
  - Using a clean towel or soft sponge, apply the soapy solution to the stain and allow to stand for 3 minutes
  - After the stain has soaked, attempt to wipe with a clean towel or sponge.