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# How to take care of your Alchemy decking

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# How to Take Care of your Decking

Like all external building materials, Alchemy composite decking will need some upkeep.

A light brush and hose are recommended for the aftercare of your composite decking to ensure that the deck stays in pristine condition year after year. Alternatively, a jet wash can be used on a low setting (If you must pressure wash, just remember to use a household pressure washer with "spray nozzle", keep it at the lowest pressure possible and no closer than 25 cm from the surface) with the jet being sprayed along the length of the board not across it as surface damage may occur. There are a number of professional cleaning products available for your composite deck alternatively you could opt for soapy water which is just as effective.

We suggest periodic yearly cleaning as surface dirt may accumulate as well as a periodic sweeping of your deck if you do not adhere to a minimum annual cleaning/ maintenance plan then surface dirt may accumulate making it harder to clean.

Stains and spillages such as wine or fats should be cleaned immediately to ensure the decking does not stain - and a warm, soapy water solution should be used. Alchemy wood composite decking is highly scratch resistant but must still be cleaned promptly.

Avoid dragging furniture across your deck as this may mark or scratch the deck surface (this applies also to when installing the deck) if you want to keep your composite deck in mint condition. Alchemy composite decking is generally scratch resistant but common sense must be applied when moving furniture, etc, across its surface as it is not scratch proof.

During winter months where your composite deck may encounter snow, rock salt is recommended to ensure your deck safety from ice build up is not compromised (slippy). Rock salt may leave a white residue on your deck but this should be nothing to worry about as the white residue should wash off with a light hose and soapy water.

Painting and staining of your deck is not recommended. The makeup of the composite deck means that painting and staining is not needed, just periodic cleaning as mentioned above. The chemicals used to paint or stain will not bond to the deck surface meaning that the deck will flake and peel making your composite decking unsightly.

As long as the above techniques are adhered to this should ensure a trouble-free pristine looking composite deck which will look as good in the future as the day it was made. We offer a warranty with our composite decking, giving you peace of mind that your deck will stay looking good!

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## General Dirt and Debris

Spray with a hose to remove surface debris. Use warm soapy water and a soft bristled brush to clear dirt and/or debris from grooves/contours. Pressure wash to remove more stubborn stains.

## Oil/Grease/Food/Drink

Remove and mop as soon as possible—spray with a hose and use warm soapy water and a soft bristled brush. Pressure wash for more stubborn stains (If you must pressure wash, just remember to use a household pressure washer with “spray nozzle”, keep it at the lowest pressure possible and no closer than 25 cm from the surface).

## Colour

Alchemy is highly colour stable meaning that the natural colour shift in use should be slight (may vary slightly due to the geographical area of installation and levels of UV from the environment) and not visible to the human eye.

## Rust Stains and Engrained Dirt

Do not bleach, as this may lighten and/or damage the product. With any cleaning product, test it on a small inconspicuous area first, following manufacturer's instructions.

## Ice & Snow

Use a plastic shovel or broom to remove snow. Use modest amounts rock salt or calcium chloride to melt frozen precipitation/ice.