



# HOW TO CLEAN COMPOSITE DECKING SAFELY & EFFECTIVELY

## DO IT YOURSELF 101

Your **Spray & Clean** is on the way. In the meantime, I'm going to show you how to clean and maintain your composite deck in this complete step by step guide so you're ready when it arrives. Let's get started!

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BEFORE SPRAY & CLEAN



AFTER SPRAY & CLEAN

# ABOUT YOUR

## COMPOSITE DECKING

Composite decking is a great use of recyclable products like cardboard, plastic, wood and other materials. It is structurally sound and will outlast wood but -like everything else- it needs to be cleaned and cared for. Cleaning composite decking can be a hard to solve project but it does not have to be.

With all cleaning projects, there are **3 components needed to be successful:**

1. Knowledge
2. Equipment
3. Product

We're providing all that information here in our **Do It Yourself 101.**



# SPRAY & CLEAN

- EFFECTIVELY CLEANS AND REMOVES STAINS CAUSED BY MOLD, MILDEW, BLACK ALGAE, GREASE, DIRT AND EXTERIOR DEBRIS.

- ECO-SAFE: BLENDED WITH ONLY A VERY SMALL AMOUNT OF BLEACH, SPRAY & CLEAN IS HARMLESS TO YOUR LANDSCAPING AND PETS WHEN APPLIED TO YOUR DECK.

- PERFECT FOR ROUTINE CLEANING. USE DILUTED IN A SPRAYER FOR OCCASIONAL CLEANING TO KEEP YOUR DECK LOOKING NEW.

- PROVEN ABILITY TO PERFORM DEEP SET OR "BELOW THE SURFACE" CLEANING. THIS SOLUTION PENETRATES THE SURFACE UNLIKE ANYTHING ELSE



## TOOLS NEEDED:

- 1 GALLON(S) OF WASH SAFE SPRAY & CLEAN (SEE COVERAGE AREA BELOW)
- 2 GARDEN STYLE PUMP SPRAYER
- 3 SAFETY GOGGLES & GLOVES
- 4 SCRUB BRUSH (OPTIONAL)
- 5 PRESSURE WASHER (OPTIONAL)

## COVERAGE:

Each gallon of diluted Spray & Clean will clean 250 sq. ft. of decking. However, the product may need to be diluted in different ratios depending on the condition, brand and age of your deck as well as the timing of its last cleaning. In extreme cases, Spray & Clean should be used straight without dilution. For routine (maintenance type) cleaning, Spray & Clean should be diluted 4:1 – 4 parts water to 1 part Spray & Clean, making 5 gallons total of cleaning solution.

## WATER TO FORMULA DILUTION RATIO

- EXTREMELY VISIBLE** = USE UNDILUTED
- VERY VISIBLE** = 1 (WATER) : 1 (SOLUTION)
- VISIBLE** = 2 (WATER) : 1 (SOLUTION)
- RECENTLY VISIBLE** = 3 (WATER) : 1 (SOLUTION)
- ROUTINE CLEANING** = 4 (WATER) : 1 (SOLUTION)

## CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

### DETERMINE HOW MUCH SPRAY & CLEAN YOU'LL NEED...

and gather other tools. Start your project early morning or later in the afternoon on a dry day. Mix Spray & Clean with warm water (hot if possible) and put in a garden pump sprayer.



### USING THE GARDEN PUMP SPRAYER:

Saturate the stained decking allowing the product to be absorbed by the decking. Stains will start to disappear on contact. Do not let the formula bake on the deck in direct sunlight.



### ONCE THE DECK IS SATURATED:

Rinse it off thoroughly with water, a pressure washer and/or a scrub brush. A scrub brush will assist in the removing stains from moss, mold, algae and lichen.

### WHAT IF YOU HAVE STUBBORN STAINS?

If your composite deck is still showing stains after the application, you may need to reapply. Soak the deck for 2 hours or overnight then rinse (as instructed above) as needed.

### REGULAR MAINTENANCE

If this is the first time you have cleaned your deck, it is possible that there are deep set mold stains the solution didn't reach. They may rise to the surface after the initial cleaning and require another round or two. Once the purge phase is over, your deck will be looking great. Maintain your newly clean deck with a routine cleaning every 60 days during the warmer season.



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