

## Why do I have mould growing on my composite decking?

Mould growth is normally a result of a poor cleaning regime, poor installation (inadequate drainage or poor ventilation), consistently damp conditions or an area shaded under trees.

Most of the mould you first see on the composite decking is in-fact growing on surface dirt.

Once mould has established itself it will continue growing and attach itself to the decking surface. If you keep the composite surface clean you should not have any issues with mould growth if fitted correctly.

For mould/fungus to grow on the surface of Composite Decking it requires a number of elements. These include:

- Food, this can be anything from an accumulation of dirt, leaf mould or any organic material build up (commonly referred to as 'bio-film').
- Shade, from trees, garden furniture or surrounding buildings, etc.
- Moisture, the decking is in such a position that moisture stays on the surface for prolonged periods of time or situated in a damp area (woodland, or by a river/pond).

Combine any of these elements and you have the perfect habitat for mould/fungal growth.

## How do I Remove the Mould and Stop it Re-Occurring?

It is vital that you treat the whole deck area as soon as you spot the mould. Start by thoroughly covering the area with 'Simply Gone' (contact us for details), it is a very easy to apply and biodegradable product that you just spray on and leave to work. It should be noted that while "Simple Gone" will clear the decking mould/fungal growth and eradicate the fungal spores.

***It should not be treated as an alternative to a regular cleaning routine!***

If you have any issues or would like more information regarding "Simply Gone" please contact Customer Care and we will answer any questions you may have: [customercare@ecodek.co.uk](mailto:customercare@ecodek.co.uk)

**Attention: Gloves must be worn when mixing Simply Gone. Face masks & gloves must be worn when spraying.**



## Deck Preparation

Ensure the decking area is dry and there is no rain forecast for at least 24 hours before applying 'Simply Gone'.

- 1 Make a solution of 'Simply Gone' in a pressure spray (add last to avoid foaming) for mould and fungi: Add 10 parts water to 1 part Simply Gone. This will be enough to cover 50m<sup>2</sup>.
- 2 Spray the solution over the affected area, thoroughly soaking the surface. (This is best done in the evening to avoid evaporation, try to avoid spraying during hot weather or in direct sunlight.)
- 3 Do not use the deck whilst waiting for Simply Gone to dry. The solution can take up to 5 hours to dry dependant on local weather conditions. Once it has dried it is safe to use the decking area (Please note - Simply Gone will not clear the mould on your decking overnight. It can take up to eight weeks before all of the mould has been eradicated, although you should see positive results within the first 7 – 14 days. Simply Gone will protect the deck for up to 9 months.)
- 4 Dispose of your Simply Gone solution or if there is any left it can be stored for up to 6 months. Please be aware that Simply Gone is biodegradable and non-accumulative in the soil. It is toxic to aquatic life and must not be disposed of in drains, water courses or in any other way that could contaminate the environment. (Please refer to the instructions on the bottle).

## Warning

- **Keep Children and pets away from the surface until dry.**
- **If you get "Simply Gone" on your skin, rinse with plenty of water to dilute the solution. If unusual symptoms start to appear or the solution is swallowed, seek medical advice immediately and take the container with you.**