

# Care & maintenance

To keep your Ecodek decking in tip top condition we advise you to use a recommended Wood Polymer Composite deck cleaner at least twice a year (more often in heavy use areas or areas subjected to high levels of contamination).

## Important points

- Ensure ventilation underneath boards and required spacing between boards is maintained.
- Keep debris out of gaps between boards.
- Avoid any contact between boards and construction materials such as plaster, masonry, gravel, cement, and organic materials during construction and after.
- Recommended mould cleaners may be used as directed.
- **DO NOT USE JET WASHERS**

## Cleaning

- Remove all furniture and other items from decked area.
- Sweep the decking removing all leaves and other debris.
- Clean all debris from gaps between boards to allow for proper drainage.
- Make up the cleaning solution as directed on the bottle and apply to the surface of the deck using a soft mop (or very soft nylon bristle brush) and gently work into the surface. Allow the solution to sit for 15 – 20 minutes.
- Go over the surface again with any remaining solution and rinse off the solution using a garden hosepipe ensuring all the solution is removed.
- Do not be tempted to use a jet wash. You may risk damaging the deck surface due to the high pressure some jet wash machines can produce.
- Let the decking dry fully before putting any furniture and other accessories back.

If you discover any difficult-to-remove stains, please contact our technical team for advice. Please do not use a jet wash or harsh chemicals as they may cause damage to the surface.

If you see dark spots on the surface of the deck, it may be mould/fungus. It is very important you apply an anti-fungal solution to the surface immediately to prevent this spreading.

Anti-fungal deck/ patio washes are readily available from any DIY store; however we do recommend Simply Gone and Wet and Forget. For best results please follow the manufacturer's instructions.

For more guidance please read our Mould & Fungus Removal Guide.

## Snow/ice

To remove snow or ice from your decking, simply spread over sodium chloride (table salt) to help dissolve it. Do not use rock salt and never scrape with a shovel or hard brush.

## Flowerpots/plants

Flowerpots can create potential problems with staining when sitting directly on the deck. Minerals from the soil and fertiliser can leave a white discolouration on the deck. We recommend using a plant stand to elevate and enable air flow underneath.

## Furniture

All items regularly left on the decking can impact on the weathering of the boards. We recommend that all items of furniture are regularly moved to allow for more evenly distributed weathering.

If any Ecodek boards become damaged from heavy impact they will need to be replaced with a spare. If a board should become damaged, scratched, gouged or chipped, please contact the quality department for advice.

If you have any further questions, please get in touch - we'll be more than happy to help.

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