

Mould & fungus removal

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.

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.
- 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 is situated in a damp area (woodland, or by a river/pond).

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

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

Once it has established itself it will continue growing and attach itself to the decking surface.

How do I remove the mould/fungus and stop it re-occurring?

It is vital that you treat the whole deck area as soon as you spot the mould. Anti-fungal deck/ patio washes are readily available from any DIY store; however we do recommend Simply Gone or Wet and Forget.

ATTENTION:

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

Deck preparation

When using Simply Gone, ensure the decking area is dry and there is no rain forecast for at least 24 hours.

- 1 Make a solution of Simply Gone in a pressure spray following the manufacturer's instruction.
- 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 five 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 nine months, however it should not be treated as an alternative to a regular cleaning routine!

- 4 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).

ATTENTION:

- 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.

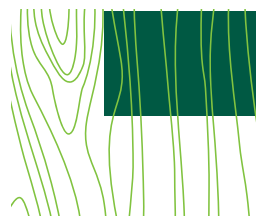
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