



Care and Cleaning tip

This section provides information on how to care for your Grinwood deck. Following our easy-care tips will ensure that your deck looks fresh and attractive for long time.

Normal Care

Once a Grinwood deck installed, periodic cleaning is necessary to keep the deck looking great. For dirt, dust and other residue, simply sweep with a broom. If necessary, wash the deck down in the direction of the grain with a garden hose or a pressure washer.

Problem	Solution
Mold and Mildew	Clean away leaves and debris that promote mold growth. Ideally, you should clean the dirt off your deck before mildew starts, because the dirt is what feeds the mold. If mold/mildew appears on your deck, a deck washing product and a detergent can be used. Never mix any other cleaners with the deck washing product. Vinegar can be used to kill the mold.
Rust stains/stubborn spots	Use a cleaning product containing oxalic or phosphoric acid base to lighten or remove the rust or dirt. Product may need to sit on stain 10-15 minutes.
Ice and snow	If you reside in a cold weather climate and would like to avoid accumulating snow/ice on your Grinwood deck, use calcium chloride or safety rock salt to melt it. Remove the ice and snow with a plastic or wood shovel as it begins to melt.
Oil and Grease Stains	Household degreasing agents, such as Dawn dishwashing detergent, should be used to remove the stain as soon as possible after the occurrence. Be sure to thoroughly rinse the detergent off the deck with hot water.
Berries and Wine Stains	Mix bleach into hot water according to the bleach-packaging label. Scrub the stain lightly and rinse thoroughly. The stain may not disappear entirely.
Ink Stains	Inks may be permanent. However, scrubbing with hot soapy water may lighten the stain. Rinse thoroughly.

Additional Tips

- Dragging furniture and other objects across the deck boards may cause surface scratches.
- Keep the area under your deck clean and well ventilated.
- Always test any cleaner on a small portion of your deck before cleaning the entire deck.
- Remove food, spills and other debris and clean immediately to minimize the possibility of staining.
- Please note that any cleaner can lighten the color of your deck.
- Place mats under metal objects to protect against rust stains.
- Never mix two or more cleaning agents when cleaning your deck.
- Do not use a metal shovel to remove snow or ice from your deck, as you may cause damage to the deck surface.
- Always follow proper gapping (installation) instructions to prevent water from accumulating on your deck.
 - Never apply harsh solvents such as acetone, gasoline, benzene, carbon tetrachloride or paint thinner to your deck.

Please contact our technical service department with any additional questions, comments or concerns.