

DuraLife Decking Care & Cleaning Guide:

- **General Cleaning:** Sweep away any dirt and debris from the decking surface. Wash with warm, soapy water and a sponge. Use a mild household dish soap such as Dawn, Joy, or Palmolive.
- **Mold and Mildew Removal:** If you spot any mold or mildew growth on the outside surface of your DuraLife decking, clean the area with warm, soapy water and a sponge. It's recommended to use a laundry detergent without bleach such as Tide or Gain. Gently wash the area and let dry, the inside of the board will remain damage-free thanks to its material makeup.
- **Grease Stain Removal:** If a burger gets dropped near the grill, simply clean up the area with warm, soapy water and a sponge. A gentle laundry detergent without bleach is recommended. Wipe up the area and let air dry. Alcohol wipes, such as Curad and generic store brands, can also be used to spot clean the area.
- **Rust Blot Removal:** See a brown rust spot underneath your patio furniture? Wipe up the area with warm, soapy water and a sponge. A gentle laundry detergent without bleach is recommended. Clean the area and let air dry.
- **Construction Adhesive and Marks:** Find a blemish on your deck boards after some deck renovations and construction? Clean the area with Isopropyl Alcohol and either a rag or nylon bristle brush. Lightly brush the building adhesive off from the decking surface or gently wipe the construction scuff away, and rinse the area with water.
- **Minor Scratches and Scuffs:** Notice a few small scratches or abrasions after a backyard get-together? Luckily, the appearance of the minor surface scuffs will fade and diminish after a few months of exposure to the sun, weather, and elements.
- **Major Scrape or Scratches:** A heat gun, available at most hardware or building product stores, may be used to carefully warm up and blend the blemished portion of the polypropylene cap-stock material back into the surrounding surface of the deck board. **Do not** position the heat gun closer than 2" away from the board surface. **Do** keep the heat gun in continuous motion so as not to damage the deck board. **Do not** set the heat gun on the decking after use.
- **Weathering:** The semi-gloss surface of DuraLife decking will naturally weather to a more matte finish over time. Exposure to the elements can cause the color variation of the decking to weather unevenly due to different amounts of sunlight the deck is exposed to.
- **Snow Removal:** Only use a plastic edged shovel when removing snow, ice, and debris from your DuraLife decking.
- **Ice Removal:** To rid your deck of slippery ice, only use a rock salt material that will not stain or damage your deck boards. **Avoid** ice melt with added colorants and dyes and instead select ice-melt that boast phrases such as "safe for concrete," "safe for children," and "safe for pets." **Do not** use sand on to remove ice as foot traffic walking over it may scratch the board surface over time.