

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE

### DECKING

Dry sweep occasionally with a bristled broom to keep debris off the deck surface and to keep the gaps between the deck boards clear. Wash with warm water and a non-bleach dish soap using a sponge as needed. For any stains it is always best to remove immediately.

**Grease Stains:**

Wash with warm water and a non-bleach dish soap using a sponge as needed... alcohol wipes for spot cleaning.

**Mold & Mildew Removal:**

Wash with warm water and a non-bleach dish soap using a sponge as needed

**Bird Droppings:**

Wash with warm water and a non-bleach dish soap using a sponge as needed... alcohol wipes for spot cleaning. For those stubborn stains try Krud Kutter® Concentrated Cleaner / Degreaser Stain Remover.

**Construction Marks & Adhesives:**

Isopropyl Alcohol & rag or nylon bristle brush. For those stubborn stains try Krud Kutter® Concentrated Cleaner / Degreaser Stain Remover.

### Deck Care

**Minor Scratches or Scuff Marks:**

The appearance of minor surface scratches or scuffs should diminish after a few months of exposure to the weather and elements. For larger scratches or scuffs, a heat gun (available at most building products or hardware stores) may be used to carefully heat and blend the blemished portion of the polypropylene cap material into the adjacent deck surface area. Note: The tip of the heat gun should never be placed closer than 3 inches from the deck surface and should be in continuous motion so as not to permanently damage the surface of the deck board.

**Chalk Lines:**

We suggest using white chalk line. Other colors may stain or discolor the decking

**Snow Removal:**

It is best to use a plastic tip shovel. Please do not chip at any thin ice or directly on DuraLife Composite Decking as it may damage the surface of the material. We suggest using rock salt or a calcium-chloride based product to melt away the snow and ice. Select ice-melt that uses phrases such as “safe for concrete,” “safe for flagstone,” or “safe for children and pets” on its packaging.

**Pressure Washer:**

We do not recommend using a pressure washer on Duralife Decking or Railing products.

**Painting or Stucco Repair Adjacent to Decking:**

Paint or cementitious materials (like stucco or cement) are very difficult to remove. Make sure to cover the deck adequately prior to beginning any siding or roofing work adjacent to the surface of the deck.