

Product	NexGEN Composite Decking
Report	Cleaning Advice
Description	<p>Congratulations on your purchase of NexGEN composite decking. It will give you many years of enjoyment with only minimal upkeep. NexGEN decking is very durable, and it does not require the ongoing maintenance associated with natural timbers and other inferior products, however, all outdoor products get dirty and it is not impervious to grease, mud, mould and mildew. The intent of this bulletin is to give some general cleaning tips to help keep the deck looking beautiful.</p>
Best Practices	<p>The frequency of cleaning should be based on the amount of organic debris that ends up on your deck via overhanging or nearby vegetation as well as general dirt and grime that builds up from environmental sources as well as regular foot traffic.</p> <p>General Cleaning: The best preventative maintenance is to sweep often. Sweeping is preferable to hosing off the deck, because it helps keep the under deck area dry. Move pot plants around and don't allow fertilizer to accumulate on the deck. You can use a pressure washer but do not run this at greater than 8Kpa (1200 PSI) or position the nozzle within 300mm from the deck surface as this may mark the surface of the deck. For general cleaning, use soap and water. Do not use harsh chemical cleaners with contents such as bleach, ammonia, petroleum, acid etc.</p> <p>Mould or mildew may develop on the deck if foreign matter and dirt is allowed to build up on the boards. Usually soapy water and a broom will clean most instances however for stubborn situations we recommend that you apply "Wet & Forget" (www.wetandforget.com.au). Make sure that you follow the manufacturer's recommendations for use and always test the solutions in a non-prominent area of your deck first.</p> <p>Dirt and Grime: Dislodge accumulated dirt with a broom or by using soap and water and a non-metal scrub brush. Scrubbing in the direction of the grain is best. Thoroughly rinse off with a garden hose.</p> <p>Oil and Grease Stains: Speedy clean up is best. To clean grease and oil stains that soap and water cannot remove; some all-purpose cleaners will cut through grease and grime or use a water-based degreaser. De-Solv-It Citrus Solution is effective in removing tar, asphalt, oil, grease and chewing gum. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's recommendations and test in an inconspicuous area prior to cleaning the entire deck.</p>
Important Notes	<p>Do NOT use harsh chemical cleaners Do NOT run pressure washers at greater than 8Kpa (1200 PSI) or position the nozzle within 300mm from the deck surface When using any cleaning products be sure to follow the manufacturer's recommendations and test in an inconspicuous area prior to cleaning the entire deck.</p>

