Dekorum Vinyl Decking

Cleaning & Care Instructions

Regular Maintenance

Dekorum vinyl decks are designed to be durable and low-maintenance. To keep your deck looking its best and to ensure long-term performance, follow these care guidelines:

- Annual Inspection:
  At least once a year, inspect all seams and edges, especially where the vinyl meets walls, posts, railings, vents, and drains. Look for cracks in sealants and any open seams. Early detection allows for quick, simple repairs.

- Contact a Professional:
  If you notice any concerns or potential issues, contact your Dekorum installer or decking professional.

General Cleaning

- Routine Cleaning:
  Clean your deck at least four times per year, or more often in areas prone to pollution, tree sap, or acid rain. Use warm, soapy water and a soft to medium-bristle broom. Gently scrub in a circular motion, then rinse thoroughly with a garden hose.

- Stubborn Stains:
  For more difficult stains, use the following safe cleaning methods:

Stain Type	Cleaning Method
Everyday Dirt, Food	Warm soapy water + soft brush, rinse thoroughly
Oil, Grease, Crayon	Light spray cleaner, short contact time, rinse well
Mildew, Wet Leaves	Vinegar solution (1 tbsp vinegar per quart water), rinse
Tar, Paint, Gum	Gently scrape off excess, follow with soapy water
Rust	Use rust remover like Naval Jetty, rinse, dry

Tip: Always test a small, hidden area before applying any cleaning solution.

Winter Care

- Snow & Ice Removal:
  Use a plastic shovel with no sharp edges. Avoid using rock salt or chemical ice melters as they can damage the vinyl surface. Shovel in the direction of the vinyl overlap, not against it.

- Avoid:
  - Power washing the vinyl surface
  - Using metal or sharp tools
  - Excessive scraping, which can damage seams or edges

Important Notes

- Do not use: Harsh chemicals like bleach, acetone, turpentine, lacquer thinner, acids, or multi-purpose paint removers. These can cause permanent damage to the vinyl membrane.

- Always:
  - Dab stains instead of rubbing aggressively
  - Rinse thoroughly after cleaning
  - Avoid cleaning under direct, hot sunlight to prevent chemical reactions

- Caution:
  Some products, including suntan lotions, markers, and certain mats or carpets, may cause permanent staining or discolouration and should be used carefully on vinyl surfaces.

- Warranty Considerations:
  Damage caused by improper cleaning methods, harsh chemicals, or pressure washers is not covered under the Dekorum warranty.

Questions or Support?

Please contact Dekorum Vinyl Decking for further advice or professional support.