

# CleverDeck Xtreme® Care & Cleaning Recommendations

**CleverDeck Xtreme composite decking is virtually maintenance free, needing only periodic cleaning to keep it looking great however under adverse conditions it can scratch so please read the following notes.**

## General Cleaning

**Don't forget to give your new CleverDeck Xtreme deck a thorough cleaning after it has been installed to remove any manufacturing lubricants/surfactants and the dirt and grime associated with the initial building and installation of the deck.**

Like any floor in your home CleverDeck Xtreme composite decking looks best when it is kept clean. Cleaning with a broom or mop should be undertaken regularly. 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 airborne dust, general dirt and grime that builds up from regular foot traffic.

The hard polymer surface of the CleverDeck Xtreme decking makes cleaning very easy, like cleaning a vinyl floor.

Futurewood recommends using the specially formulated "Futurewood Composite Timber Cleaner" as a general cleaning product for your deck. The deck should be washed a minimum of 4 times per year and more often if the deck gets particularly dirty. The deck wash can be mixed to a 10 to 1 strength for regular cleaning of CleverDeck Xtreme decking (refer to the cleaner label for instructions). You can call Futurewood on 1300 484 308 or email [info@futurewood.com.au](mailto:info@futurewood.com.au) to source this product.

You can use a pressure washer to clean your deck but do not run this at greater than 8Kpa (1200 PSI) or position the nozzle within 300mm from the deck surface otherwise this may mark the surface of the deck.

## Mould and Mildew

**CleverDeck Xtreme has a fungicide added in to the formulation to help reduce the incidence of mould or mildew growing in the boards.**

However, as mould spores are transmitted through the air they can easily grow on top of any surface under the right climatic conditions. As mentioned under general cleaning Futurewood recommends that you regularly sweep and or mop your deck and periodically wash any dirt and debris from the surface using Futurewood Composite Timber Cleaner as well as making sure that twigs and leaves do not build up between the boards. Regular cleaning will help to reduce the likelihood of mould or mildew growing on the deck surface.

## Scratching

**Just like most materials, CleverDeck Xtreme decking boards can be scratched if sharp objects are scraped across the board surface.**

The hard polymer surface resists scratching from the wear and tear associated with normal deck use however if a scratch occurs due to misuse it can be removed using a heat gun (see video under Tools & Resources on our web site). Please note this repair method needs to be carefully executed in order to avoid damaging the board through excess heat). We recommend that a protective mat or furniture pads are used to protect against contact from sources such as furniture legs, BBQs or planter stands.

## Staining

**CleverDeck Xtreme composite decking has a waterproof capping that resists staining from oil, grease, wine, red clay or leaf matter although if dirt or other foreign material remains on the surface for some time the material itself may leave a surface stain on the decking.**

Futurewood recommends using a specially formulated "Composite Timber Cleaner" as a general cleaner.

Aqualis Coatings manufactures a range of composite timber cleaners that can be purchased from their website [www.aqualis.com.au](http://www.aqualis.com.au) or by calling 1300 046 832..

Constant metal contact may produce rust stains on your deck. You should use a protective mat or plastic caps to protect against metal contact from sources such as furniture legs, BBQs or planter stands.

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## Sealing or Painting

**CleverDeck Xtreme is fully sealed on all 4 sides of the deck board so only cut ends or edges need to be sealed if additional waterproofing is required.**

Contact Futurewood on 1300 484 308 or [info@futurewood.com.au](mailto:info@futurewood.com.au) to enquire about the CleverDeck Xtreme coloured sealer that has been specially formulated for this purpose.

Painting the deck boards is not recommended.

## Miscellaneous/pot plants/mats/Low E glass

**Make sure that heavy items are well supported and positioned so that they are sitting above the joists/ substructure.**

Constant loading on any individual deck board without immediate joist support may cause that board to sag. CleverDeck Xtreme decking is not suitable for use as a structural support.

Pot plants should not be left in direct contact with the deck boards and should be elevated above the decking using pot plant feet to avoid the damp base of the pot being in constant contact with the surface of the deck board. Mats should not be left in the same position on the deck for any length of time as they can trap moisture under them and create a steamy environment on a hot day that could permanently discolour the decking.

Be careful with reflections from "low E" glass if this is fitted close to your deck surface as reflections from this material have been proven to generate extremely high heat that may damage the decking surface.

Care and maintenance recommendations may change without notice. For further information email [info@futurewood.com.au](mailto:info@futurewood.com.au).

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