

Cabot[®] on deck

What you need.

Make your deck a favorite gathering place for family and friends by keeping your deck's beauty well protected.



For a successful staining project, you must have the right tools.

Below is a checklist of items you will need to stain your deck:

- Cabot Surface Prep Products
- Cabot Decking Stain
- Drop cloth
- Garden hose
- Gloves
- Safety glasses
- Roller
- Extension pole
- Brush
- Paint Tray
- Staining Pad



Clarke's has what you need and our staff can assist you with any questions you might have.

How to do it.

Superior performance begins with surface preparation...

Proper preparation ensures a long-lasting stain application and eliminates many problems before they start.

Mildew stains:

Mildew is an airborne fungus that can infest almost any surface. It is a discoloration that resembles dirt and can rapidly spread in warm, moist areas, such as behind shrubbery or under eaves. Mildew stain must be removed before application of finish product.

To clean:

Apply Problem-Solver Wood Cleaner

to dry surface and allow to set for 15 minutes, making sure that the area remains wet. Rinse thoroughly with water from garden hose, or for best results, use a pressure-washer. It is very important that the surface to be finished is clean and free of any paint, varnish, dirt, wax or sealer.

Be sure to sand bare wood with the grain direction to remove any blemishes or fibers that may contaminate the finish. Use progressively finer grit sandpaper to properly smooth the surface. **Remove all sanding dust and particles** by completely wiping with a tack cloth. **Apply the stain** with a brush. Allow stain to penetrate for 5–15 minutes before wiping off excess. Apply a second coat if a more pigmented look is desired.

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