



**Victory** composite deck boards are virtually maintenance free, so very little care or maintenance is required.

**Here are some tips to keeping your deck looking new:**

#### **Mold and Mildew**

**Victory Decking** has an anti-fungal guard added during formulation and an additional anti-microbial surface coating. This means your **Victory** deck is resistant against mold, mildew and germs, including bacteria.

We recommend that you periodically clean your **Victory** material by washing dirt and debris from the surface of the deck. Do not allow twigs and other sources of microbes to build up between the boards.

If mold or mildew develops, use a standard deck wash containing sodium hypochlorite. Spray on the solution in concentrated form to a slightly dampened deck surface. Allow 20 minutes for the chemical to set and then simply wash off using a standard garden hose. You can use a pressure washer but do not use more than 1200 PSI or hold wand close to the deck surface as this may cut into the surface of the deck causing unwanted scratches.

#### **Heavy Stains**

Staining may occur from oil, grease, dark wine, mayonnaise, butter, charcoal, red clay, or rust. The first action is to clean the spot immediately. The best results occur by cleaning immediately after the spill happens, before it soaks in to the cellulose fiber. If immediate cleaning is not possible, try to lift the stain from the surface using a degreaser or detergent in hot water.

If you are not satisfied with the result of either method, try rubbing alcohol and a wire brush, brushing in the direction of the grain to maintain surface finish. You

can lighten the color of the stain by using bleach but be careful to not lighten the color more than the rest of the deck, as this will create a blemish.

Always test your cleaning solution in an out-of-the-way place to avoid ruining the aesthetics of your **Victory** product. Additional cleaners such as oxalic acid or phosphoric acid also provide more power when removing stains. Be careful not to mix these cleaners together. In addition, always allow for proper ventilation and respiratory protection. Refer to the manufacturer suggested pre-cautions when using any cleaning products.

If all else fails, you can sand the face of the board, as the stain will not penetrate past the surface to the interior. Please note that if you sand an area, it will not have the same grain pattern as the rest of the deck.

Use a protective mat or plastic caps to protect against constant metal contact from sources such as furniture legs, grills or planter stands. Constant metal contact may produce rust stains. Also dragging heavy objects across the board will develop visible scrapes and gouges.

### **Ice and Snow**

Always use a plastic shovel or a broom to remove snow from your deck surface. This will not scratch the surface like a metal shovel.

Use salt to remove ice from the surface of your deck. Salt will not cause harm or react with the composite formulation. Remove the salt from the deck surface when convenient. Note, however, that prolonged exposure is not recommended.

### **Painting**

**Victory Composite Decking** does not require any painting over the life of the product. If you want to change the color of the decking, use paint recommended for surface coating applications. The paint will not penetrate the surface of the material like traditional wood. Additionally, the paint will last much longer than it does with wood due to the fact that water does not penetrate the interior of the board causing the paint to lift from the surface.

Always wait until the surface weathers before painting to provide more cellulose exposure for the paint to adhere to. Test a spare piece of **Victory** product before applying to the whole project to ensure that desired results are achieved.