

HOW TO PROPERLY CLEAN AND SEAL A NATURAL WOOD DECK:

All too often, exterior wood has many undetected issues that causes premature finish coat failure, such as old stains/sealants, mill glaze, fungus and acidic conditions to name a few, and most manufacturers offer very little in the know-how and product availability to properly prepare and protect the exterior wood surface – the first time!

All-Shield Products has cleaners and protective coatings that are designed to provide the user with the confidence that they have properly prepared and protected their exterior wood surfaces with the most unique and THE BEST performing products available.

Proper preparation is the key to achieving a deck that will look better... for a longer period time.

Follow these simple steps:

1. You will need to provide the following tools and protection equipment: garden hose, garden type pump sprayer bottle, paint application tools like rollers and/or brushes, drop cloths and/or plastic coverings, safety goggles/face shield, chemical resistant gloves/foot wear, protective clothing (long sleeves and pants), respirator with organic/mist filter and a cold beverage! NOTE: If you are removing paint and/or stained coatings from the wood surface, we recommend the usage of a 2000 to 2500 psi power washer after you have applied the **All-Shield Coating Remover** (see below), the power washer can be rented at your local equipment rental store.
2. Protect any areas adjacent to the wood surface areas (i.e. plant life, fixtures, concrete/masonry surfaces, painted surfaces, etc.) with drop cloths and/or plastic coverings. Make sure to water down any plant life before covering and after covering is removed. Thoroughly shake/mix products before application.
3. If the wood is just dirty, with no stains, paints or sealants previously applied, just purchase the **All-Shield Super Cleaner**, pour contents of the **All-Shield Super Cleaner** into the garden type pump sprayer and spray the product on all the wood surfaces. Allow the product to sit on the surface for about 15-20 minutes, do not allow the product to dry, so continue to mist with water. Lightly scrub any stubborn stained areas with a stiff bristle brush. Thoroughly rinse the wood surface area with fresh water until the soapy type bubbles disappear. If you are using power washing equipment, make sure to power wash with the grain of the wood, otherwise you will cause damage to the wood, like splintering/feathering. If you rented the power washer equipment, you can now return it to the rental store. Wash out the pump sprayer with fresh water and allow the wood to dry. Repeat this first step as necessary.
4. If the wood has been previously stained, painted or sealed, purchase the **All-Shield Coating Remover**, pour contents of the **All-Shield Coating Remover** into the garden type pump sprayer and spray the product on all the wood surfaces. Allow the product to sit on the surface for about 45-60 minutes, do not allow the product to dry, so continue to mist with water. Lightly scrub any stubborn stained and/or build-up painted areas with a stiff bristle brush. Thoroughly rinse the wood surface area with fresh water until the soapy type bubbles disappear. If you are using power washing equipment, make sure to power wash with the grain of the wood, otherwise you will cause damage to the wood, like splintering/feathering. If you rented the power washer equipment, you can now return it

to the rental store. Wash out the pump sprayer with fresh water and allow the wood to dry. Repeat this first step as necessary.

5. If the wood has darkened in color due to the **All-Shield Super Cleaner** or **All-Shield Coating Remover** products being applied, purchase the **All-Shield Natural Wood Color Rejuvenator**. Pour contents of the **All-Shield Natural Wood Color Rejuvenator** into the pump sprayer and spray the product on all the surfaces. Allow the product to sit on the surface for about 20 minutes. **Thoroughly rinse with fresh water** (no pressure washing or scrubbing required), again following the grain of the wood. Wash out the pump sprayer with fresh water.
6. **Allow the wood to dry for a day or so, before applying the All-Shield Exterior Wood Protector.**
7. Purchase the **All-Shield Exterior Wood Protector**. Pour contents of the **All-Shield Exterior Wood Protector** into a painter's pail, or roller pan or sprayer bottle (depending on the method of application that you desire) and apply the product on all the wood surface areas. While it is possible to coat/stain the wood surface with a one application, to achieve maximum **All-Shield Exterior Wood Protector** penetration/protection and a more intense color, a "wet-on-wet" application is recommended. The cure rate for the **All-Shield Exterior Wood Protector** is approximately **24 hours** depending on temperature and humidity.

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