



# CLUBHOUSE®

DECK & RAIL



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CARE AND MAINTENANCE

The Tapco®  
GROUP  
GENUINELY BETTER BUILDING PRODUCTS

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## General:

**Exceeding recommended concentration of cleaners can damage the product's surface.** Follow manufacturer's instructions for proper use of cleaning products. Avoid abrasive cleaners. Test any cleaner in an inconspicuous area before applying to major areas. Excessive scrubbing is unnecessary, may be harmful to the product and may cause an undesirable glossy area over the finish.

## Routine cleaning/dirt and grime:

As with all outdoor products, common dirt and dust should be cleaned occasionally with garden hose or soft-bristled brush. Clubhouse Decking and Railing are low-maintenance products, not no-maintenance products.

## Approved cleaners:

Many household type cleaners may be used on Clubhouse Decking and Railing, however it is a good idea to test any intended cleaner on a small sample piece of material prior to using on the full installation. The following is a list of household cleaners that may be used:

- Dawn® (good for grease spots)
- Fantastic®
- Murphy Oil Soap®
- Lestoil®
- Windex®
- Lysol®
- Simple Green

## Hard Water Stains:

**Step 1:** Fill a spray bottle with 50% pure white vinegar and 50% water.

**Step 2:** Spray this vinegar solution onto the stain and let stand 5 minutes.

**Step 3:** Mix 4 cups water with 5 tablespoons of sodium bicarbonate (baking soda) and stir into a slurry.

**Step 4:** Soak a cleaning cloth/sponge in the sodium bicarbonate solution and thoroughly wipe the area of the stain that had the vinegar spray.

**Step 5:** Rinse well with water.

## Heavy duty cleaning (Industrial dirt/grease/oil/wine):

Substances such as grease, oil and wine require immediate attention. Rinse with hot water upon contact. For heavier dirt and stains, use a mixture containing 1 gallon of water, 1/3 cup of detergent such as Tide and 2/3 cup of trisodium phosphate (TSP, Soilax or similar product).

## Power washing:

Although not required, Clubhouse Decking and Railing may be power washed with a gas or electric-powered spray hose. The level of the power washer should be set no higher than 1100 pounds per square inch (psi). A fan tip nozzle should be used along with the proper cleaning product. For decking, spray in the direction of the brush/grain pattern to avoid damaging the product. Use caution not to damage the material and always take the proper safety precautions when operating a power washer.

## **Mold and mildew:**

Clubhouse products are formulated to inhibit mildew growth and minimize staining. Even if they appear clean, it is important to prevent build-up of pollen/debris. Mildew stains may occur where moisture, pollens and/or dirt are present. Mildew needs a food source to grow, which can be grass, pollens and dirt. Follow the routine cleaning directions to reduce build up on decking and railing.

Mildew may appear as black spots and may be cleaned with a simple mixture of 1 gallon of water, 1/3 cup of detergent and 2/3 cup of Soilax (or like product) and 1 quart of household bleach. Although it may sit on the deck and rail surface, mold and mildew will not penetrate and degrade the product, unlike wood.

## **Cleaning between deck planks:**

Use a plastic putty knife and gently clean between decking planks to clear debris.

## **Barbeque grills, chimeneas and portable fire pits:**

All sources of high heat should be placed on a non-rubber/non-vinyl grill mat or splatter guard to minimize stains and kept a safe distance from railing. With any cleaning job that requires more than just water and a brush, we recommend that you try cleaning a small inconspicuous area or scrap piece of material before cleaning the entire surface.

## **Caulking, tar, compounds and similar substances:**

Clean with mineral spirit in reasonable amounts, applied directly to the substance. AFTER CLEANING RINSE OFF IMMEDIATELY WITH SOAPY WATER.

## **Rust:**

Use a deck cleaner containing phosphoric acid and commercial pressure washer (*not to exceed 1100 PSI; see additional information under power washing*).

## **Snow and ice removal:**

Snow may be removed from deck surface using a non-metallic shovel. Sharp shovels that scrape or chip wood decks should not be used. While salt/rock salt will not affect the structural integrity of Clubhouse, it may cause stains. If using salt to break up ice patches, remove salt as soon as possible to avoid stains and scratches. Do not use salt/ash mixtures. Ice melt product containing calcium chloride and/or magnesium chloride can be used on Clubhouse. It is a good idea to test any such products on a small sample piece prior to using on the full installation.

## **Splintering and rotting:**

Clubhouse is guaranteed not to split, splinter or rot when installed according to manufacturer's instructions.

## **Pools and spas:**

Clubhouse Decking and Railing is designed to be used in conjunction with all outdoor living activities. Chlorinated water from pools and spas will not harm Clubhouse products.

### **Slip resistance:**

Clubhouse Cellular PVC Decking meets the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Requirements.

### **Docks, marine and seaside installations:**

Clubhouse Decking and Railing is designed to withstand marine/seaside environments. It's the perfect choice for docks, boat slips and beach house decks.

### **Rubber or vinyl mats:**

The use of rubber or vinyl products such as door mats and catch mats under barbeque grills or other rubber or vinyl products is not recommended as these products may cause discoloration of the deck.

### **Environmental blushing:**

This is caused by build up of heat and moisture due to a wide surface area of deck being covered (e.g. by flower pots, rubber backed grill mats). Do not use rubber backed mats on Clubhouse Cellular PVC Decking. Raise flower pots with stands/footers to allow airflow under the pot.

### **Low E Glass:**

Reflection from Low-E glass and windows can cause excessive heat build up on decking. See website, [www.clubhousedecking.com](http://www.clubhousedecking.com) for further information.

Given the right environmental conditions all surfaces will get hot. When installing dark colors in hot sunny climates it is recommended that you test samples in the area prior to installation

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