

The DECKING COLLECTION

by accoya 

Care and Maintenance

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL ACCOYA DECKING

Follow these instructions carefully to ensure best outcome and compliance to the Accoya warranty.

Wood decks are subject to natural weathering and require regular cleaning. Each deck requires an individual maintenance interval, depending on location, use intensity and personal preferences. In normal situations a wooden deck should be cleaned once a year, preferably in Spring.

More frequent cleaning may be necessary if permanently shaded areas can't be avoided, e.g. on the south side of a house or in the immediate vicinity of bush or tree cover. Keep the deck free from debris to minimise the need for cleaning.

The use of high pH cleaners such as bleaches is not recommended and should be avoided, as these can damage your Accoya deck and will void your warranty.

Do not use a pressure washer to clean your deck.

NORMAL DECK CLEANING

Warm water and gentle brushing using a nylon brush with medium hardness is often enough to clean away dust and debris.

Another effective and low-cost cleaning option for Accoya is the use of white vinegar in luke-warm water (5% dilution). The use of a cleaning brush with medium hardness is recommended. For this purpose, first the surface of the boards should be soaked using the cleaning mixture. The cleaning mix should stay on the surface for 5-10 minutes, allowing it to sufficiently penetrate into the surface of the wood. Then the boards can be cleaned using a brush, followed by rinsing with plenty of water.

BEFORE CLEANING



AFTER CLEANING



Example of a deck in worst application situation of south facing, shaded and not cleaned for 4 years. Notice the staining is also affecting the concrete façade panel in this extreme situation.

For more details please see the Accoya Care & Maintenance video [here](#).



SPOT CLEANING

It is important to clean spots, such as red wine, grease, soft drinks or ketchup from the deck surface as quickly as possible to keep them from penetrating deep into wood tissue. Spots can be cleaned using commercially available cleaners. Always follow the instructions of the supplier. It should be noted that cleaners with silica particles should not be used for spot cleaning of Accoya due to its sensitivity to these particles.

The deck should be thoroughly rinsed after cleaning.

ICE AND SNOW

To remove ice from your Accoya decking, de-icing salts can be used. Grit or sand should not be used as they may damage the surface.

Remove snow using a plastic or wooden shovel.

RUST STAINS

Rust stains (e.g. caused by iron railings, garden furniture) can be removed by cleaning the deck with special deck cleaning detergents containing oxalic acid. Thorough rinsing of the deck is required after the use of oxalic acid.