

How to

CLEAN YOUR ACCOYA DECK

Tips to upkeep your Accoya decking so its real wood beauty will continue to shine for years to come.

Cleaning

Especially exterior horizontal surfaces will form a biofilm that will hold water and reduce the speed of drying of the board, and a large build-up of such a layer should be prevented. Without the use of preventive measures, regular cleaning will be needed to control the build-up of such a biofilm.

- In normal situations a wooden deck should be cleaned once a year, preferably in spring.
- More frequent cleaning may be necessary in case permanently shaded areas can't be avoided, e.g. on the north side of a house or in the immediate vicinity of bushes, big trees or forests.
- Flowerpots and plant troughs should always be lifted from the ground, for example, by strips, spacers or coasters.

Polluted surfaces can be cleaned with a stiff brush and clear water; planed surfaces are easier to clean than sawn surfaces. Pressure washers can be used but only with a suitable control device as a direct high pressure water spray can damage all wood – including Accoya wood. If using a pressure washer it should be carried out with some experience and due care. Cleaning coated surfaces with a pressure washer should be avoided.

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Preventative Measures

Fully weathered, horizontal applications are subject to higher levels of moisture, UV, temperature and pollution accumulation. Horizontal surfaces - such as decks and outdoor furniture – undergo wear and tear in their normal use and need to be cleaned. If coated the deck requires special attention to select the most appropriate coating system and maintenance guidelines provided by the coating manufacturers should be followed.

If left uncoated, surface mold development can be reduced or delayed by decreasing the level of moisture the wood is subject to or by application of a solution with an appropriate moldicidal efficacy (e.g. biocidal clear primer).

***All decking will require cleaning at least once a year, these guidelines have been written for professionals wishing to use Accoya to create beautiful, reliable and highly durable end products.**