

Decked Out with Style

Take the Guesswork Out Of Deck Winterization

(NAPSA)—Smart homeowners know that seasonal changes can wreak havoc on decks and that “winterizing” is key to keeping them beautiful for years. But choosing the right deck care products can be confusing, even for the handiest homeowner.

Today’s decks are made of a variety of wood types—pressure-treated lumber, cedar, redwood, exotic hardwood—each with their own special products on retail shelves. You can take the “guesswork” out of deck winterization by choosing quality products that work great on all types of wood. Whether you have brand new, bare wood or a stained deck that has seen better days, consider these tips from wood care experts:

- **Beautify and protect your deck with a water repellent finish before winter’s harsh precipitation sets in.** Water repellent coatings like Wolman RainCoat®, F&P® and DuraStain™ are formulated to stop rain, sleet, snow and ice from penetrating all wood surfaces, thereby minimizing water damage such as splitting or warping. These products offer a guarantee on water-repellent longevity and provide longer lasting protection, so you won’t have to reapply a new coat year after year. They offer a variety of colors and opacity levels, from totally clear to sheer, transparent natural wood tones to deeply pigmented semi-transparent shades, so you can achieve virtually any look you desire.

Before coating, prepare the wood surface with a commercial wood cleaner or stain stripper, so that your new finish will penetrate and adhere properly, and give you the longest life possible.

- **For uncoated new or weathered wood, clean your deck thoroughly** to remove invisible surface barriers such as excess wax or mill glaze, ground-in dirt, grayed surface fibers and stains from mold and mildew, algae or tannin bleed. If you know your deck is made of pressure-treated wood, you can use a product such as Wolman DeckBrite™ Wood Cleaner and Coating Prep, an acid-free, oxygen-powered



Getting your deck set for rough weather ahead can save you time, trouble and money later.

powder concentrate that is tough on stains yet safest to handle and use near plant life and adjacent surfaces.

- **If you don’t know your type of wood, don’t worry.** Wolman Deck & Fence Brightener for All Exterior Wood is formulated to restore all wood types, even tannin-rich woods like cedar, redwood, mahogany and other exotic hardwoods. Both products clean and restore wood to its natural beauty without bleaching or yellowing, like chlorine bleach can. Their fast-acting formulas loosen and lift dirt, stains and discoloration in just 10 minutes. And they are easy to use—just mix with water, spray on, brush in and rinse off with a garden hose.

- **For previously coated wood, strip any faded or deteriorating finish before coating with a new product.** If you are not sure what type of stain is present, not to worry. Wolman® DeckStrip® Stain & Finish Remover is formulated to remove both oil and latex solid or semi-transparent stains and clear finishes, and to prepare any wood deck for the reapplication of water repellent finishes or stains.

For more information on water repellent finishes, wood cleaners and strippers, call the company’s technical service department at 732-469-8100. Or, visit the Wolman web site at www.wolman.com for more helpful deck care tips.