

# Decking Aftercare Guide

Keeping your Cladco WPC Decking clean is an important aspect in the after-care of decking, as well as keeping it free from organic matter which potentially could lead to the decay of the structure.

Once fitted, we do not advise:

- Dragging furniture or plant pots across the decking
- Dropping heavy items onto the deck (such as large plant pots, trees, bbq's, furniture etc)
- Items with metal feet should have suitable material between them and the decking to avoid damaging the deck.
- Using corrosive or strong chemical treatments such as bleach

Cladco composite decking is recommended to be cleaned at least twice a year, ideally in warm and dry weather conditions. This will prevent build-up of dirt and organic matter from causing damage to the decking. Cleaning more frequently than twice a year is suitable for the decking, provided caution is taken to use suitable products such as a stiff brush and hot soapy water.

## Did you know?

It's OK to use a pressure washer to clean your composite decking if you have one.

## How to clean your decking:



1 Firstly, use a broom to remove any excess leaves and debris from the surface. You should also use a hard bristle brush or scraper to remove any accumulations of moss, leaves or algae. This will leave the surface clear to begin cleaning.



2 Prepare a bucket of hot soapy water or grab a bottle of composite decking cleaner.

\*further information on Cladco's recommended decking cleaner is available on our price list



3 Apply the hot soapy water or cleaner to the decking. Once applied use a hard-bristle brush to scrub the surface of the decking. Any surface debris will start to lift off.



4 Leave the hot soapy water or cleaning product on the surface to stand for several minutes before rinsing the boards. Ensure all cleaning fluid, soap and debris have been successfully removed from the boards before leaving to dry.

## Fire pits & unusual heat sources

Precautions should be taken when using fire pits & BBQ's on composite decking, we advise a surface between the fire pit or bbq and decking. You should ensure the fire-pit or bbq is secure and does not wobble or move. Caution should be taken with embers coming into contact with the decking. Cladco cannot be held responsible for any fire damage or flames that come into contact with the decking. To use a heat source near the decking is entirely at the risk of the customer.

## Mould & Mildew

Mould and mildew are common environmental conditions, different climates can affect the varying degrees of mould depending on the temperature and moisture conditions. To minimize mould surface on your decking, ensure it is cleaned as often as needed. Removal of leaves, debris and other organic material reduce the risk of mould occurring. If mould is present use hot soapy water or composite decking cleaner to remove.