

# Dream DECKING

## AFTERCARE & MAINTENANCE GUIDE

### Routine Cleaning

We recommend giving your composite decking a routine clean every 3-6 months to remove any dirt or mud and keep your decking looking its best!

Warm soapy water with a gentle bristled brush is ideal for a general, hassle-free clean.

If your composite decking requires a deeper clean, then a jet wash (no greater than 3100 PSI) is an effective option to clear any debris and stubborn dirt from your decking.

#### Stains:

For stubborn stains such as oil or grease, we recommend following the steps listed below;

- Treat the affected area within 7 days to avoid permanent staining.
- Use a water-based composite decking cleaner to remove the oil from the surface.
- Avoid hard bristled brushes as this can cause scratching.

#### Top Tips:

- If exposed to direct sunlight for a prolonged period of time, the boards may become hot. We would advise to always wear footwear as protection, or try an outdoor rug for added style.
- Avoid using bleach or any harsh chemicals as these can cause discolouration and marks to your composite decking.
- Immediately wipe up any spills to avoid stains from setting in.

### Snow & Ice

In extreme weather conditions such as snow or ice, your decking can become slippery.

We would advise against using grit/sand or metal spades to clear the snow and ice from your decking, as this could cause damage to the surface such as scratching.

If you are using a de-icer to clear your decking, ensure that it contains calcium chloride. We would advise whenever using chemicals, that you first test this on an inconspicuous area before use. Don't panic if your de-icer has left slight residue, as this can be easily wiped away with soapy water.

### Furniture & Decking

To avoid any unwanted damage and scratching to your decking from your outdoor furniture, we would recommend the following advice:

- Never drag furniture over your composite decking, instead lift and carry the furniture carefully.
- Try an outdoor rug under your table and chairs, not only will this protect your composite decking from unwanted stains but will also help to avoid scratching and indentations.
- Use protective caps on your table and chair legs, this will avoid any scratching and offer a cushioned support from any potential pressure points on your decking.