

# Wallong Cleaning and Care Guide

Composite decking doesn't require any painting or staining like timber decking, it lasts longer and also very easy to clean. All of our extruded products - decking and cladding - can be cleaned with water and brushes. Depending on the type of stain and how long it has been in use, multiple cleanings may be required. No chemical method is required.

It doesn't matter to spend 2-3 hours a year to clean your composite decking to keep it looking in 'as-new' condition. This will help your deck boards last even longer and help safeguard against any potential issues in the future.

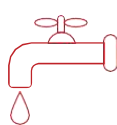
## FAQ:

Problem	Solution
Dirt and Debris	Surface debris should be sprayed off with a hose. Use warm soapy water and a soft non-metal scrub brush to remove dirt and debris within the embossing pattern. Scrubbing in the direction of the grain is best.
General cleaning	Dry sweep weekly, wash with warm soapy water & a sponge.
Oil & grease stains	Oil, grease and food spills must be removed as quickly as possible. Apply warm soapy water with a sponge, then brush with a hard-bristled broom or spray with a high pressure hose.
Rust stains	Apply warm, soapy water with a sponge, then brush with a hard-bristled broom or spray with a high pressure hose.
Construction marks	Rub a little alcohol on the affected area.
Minor scuff marks	Apply warm, soapy water with a sponge, then brush with a hard-bristled broom or spray with a high pressure hose. Do not sand decking boards.
Weathering	Wallong products will weather to a natural matt finish over time. Dry sweep and wash with warm soapy water to remove dirt and grime.
Bird droppings	Apply warm, soapy water with a sponge, then brush with a hard-bristled broom or spray with a high pressure washer.
Ice and Snow	Use calcium chloride or rock salt to melt the snow and ice. Buildup of calcium chloride and rock salt may occur leaving a white residue, which can be easily removed with warm soapy water and a soft non-metal scrub brush.
Masonry Construction	During masonry construction the deck must be covered AT ALL TIMES preferably with a sheet of tarp or construction grade plastic film. Mineral deposits, left over from construction, can mix with water and evaporate leaving deposits behind which creates a white/haze on the decks surface. To prevent this problem ensure that masonry/cement construction is set properly before ever installing the decking material. If mineral deposits are left on the decks surface, regular maintenance is required in order to maintain the original look of the deck.

## Basic cleaning procedures:



Soap



Water



Bucket



Sponge



Hard Brush Broom



Garden Hose

**Step 1:**

Clean up the Patio,remove the debris and spills.

Set the hose nozzle to the “ spray ” setting so there ’ s some power behind the spray. This helps remove debris.



**Step 2:**

Mix a soap and water solution for caked-on debris.

First fill a bucket with warm water. Then mix in ammonia-free dish soap. Stir or shake the mixture so suds form.



**Step 3:**

Sweep the liquid over your deck using the soft-bristle brush or soft-bristled broom, making sure to remove all dirt and residue from the gaps between the decking boards. Sweeping in the direction of the grain is best.



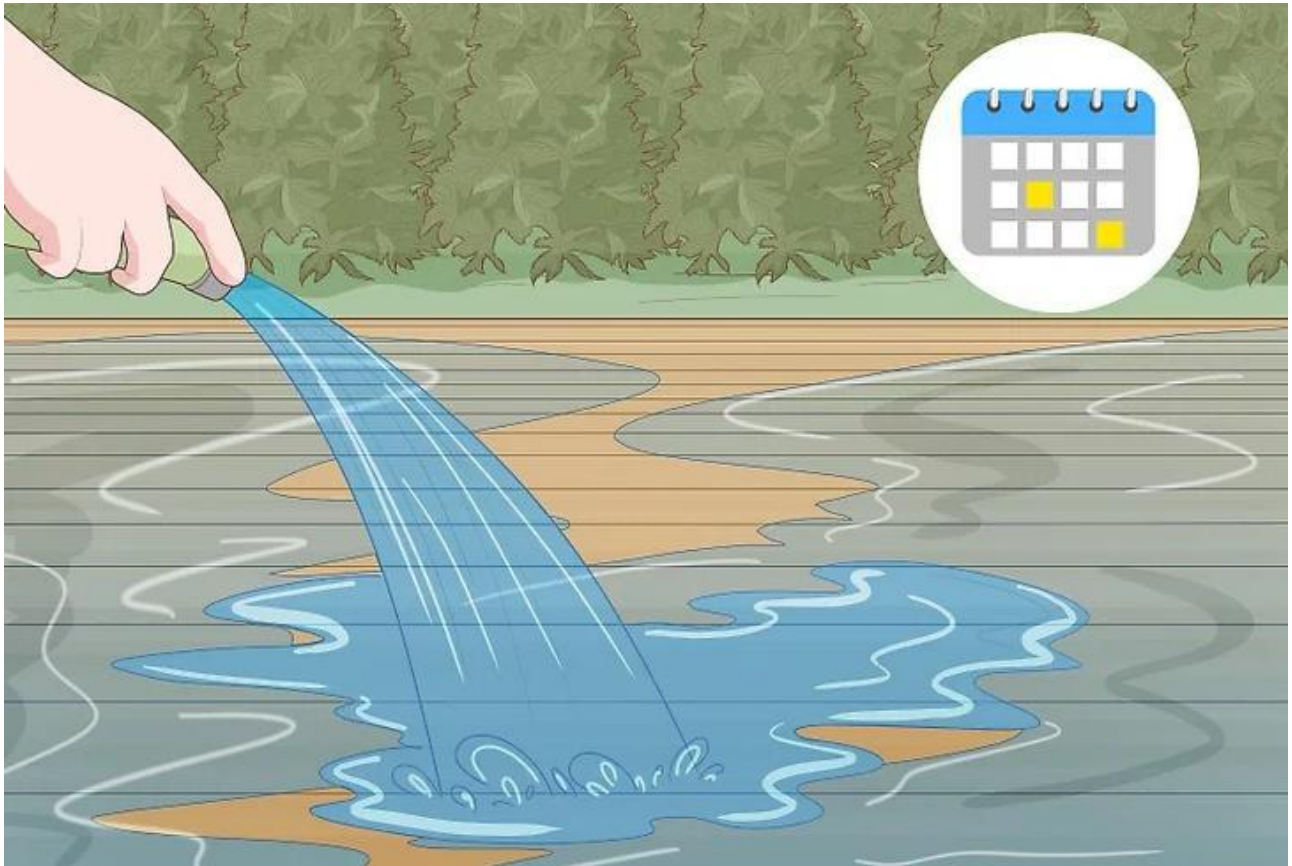
**Step 4:**

If residue and/or dirt are still evident on your deck, a high pressure hose is very effective in removing stubborn and unavoidable organic waste.



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Repeat this clean every 6 months. A semi-annual clean removes the dirt and debris that has accumulated on your deck throughout the year.



NB: Use a high pressure hose with a wide fan tip at pressures under 1500 psi. Remember to keep the hose at least 300 mm away from the surface when spraying.

For best results, high pressure hose your deck whilst simultaneously brushing it with a hard-bristled broom and soapy water. We recommend pressure washing your deck once a month to keep it looking clean and cared for.

Please exercise extreme caution as pressure washing can damage your deck if done incorrectly. If you notice any changes to the surface of your deck, stop immediately and contact manufacturer.

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