



MOLD & MILDEW

Since mold and mildew naturally occur in the environment, it cannot be guaranteed that they will not grow on your deck. Mold and mildew are forms of plant life spread by spores that can settle onto any surface where moisture, pollen, dirt and debris collect. Air currents, insects, animals and water easily transport spores. Due to mold and mildew's adaptability and the large number of species that exist, they are very hard to control and impossible to totally eliminate. Periodic cleaning of your deck with a mold and mildew cleaner, even if it "appears" clean, is important in order to prevent the build-up of pollen, dirt, and environmental debris. Regular periodic cleaning can also help reduce the reoccurrence of mold and mildew. Some products used to clean mold and mildew may lighten the deck surface.

It is important that any cleaning procedure fully removes the web-like "legs" of the mold and mildew colonies and remove the food source. There are specially formulated "composite deck cleaners" available at your local hardware store or online. Always follow product label use instructions and safety precautions. Some cases may require repeat applications until the desired level of cleanliness has been achieved. As with most cleaners, always wear appropriate personal protective gear.

Mold can spread and may return rapidly in some environments despite proper cleaning and preventative measures; however, mold will not affect or damage the integrity of ChoiceDek® products.

Always spray water on plants and shrubs around the deck before and after the use of any deck cleaning solutions. You may want to fully cover sensitive vegetation.

SUGGESTED CLEANERS

Eco-Friendly (Contains no bleach)

Spray and Forget® - www.sprayandforget.com

Cleaner & Inhibitor with slower but more lasting results

Contains bleach for Instant Results*

Olympic® Premium Deck Cleaner - www.olympic.com

*Most cleaners contain Sodium Hypochlorite (commonly known as bleach). Any cleaner containing bleach may lighten the surface wood fibers of the product while removing mold stains.

For added protection and to delay re-growth of mold or mildew, treat deck with a mold inhibitor after your deck has been thoroughly cleaned. Follow label instructions carefully to ensure best results.



TIPS FOR PREVENTING MOLD GROWTH:

- Ensure proper deck gapping is achieved during installation (refer to installation guidelines)
- Ensure deck board gapping is clear and free of debris
- Always wash deck after heavy pollen season
- Ensure proper ventilation around structure of deck
- Avoid any direct water discharge from gutters or sprinklers onto deck surface
- Avoid over spray of fertilizers on and around deck

For additional cleaning tips, and full warranty information please visit
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