



Cleaning
AZEK Deck[®] & AZEK Porch[®]
Cleaning instructions using Chomp![®] & Zep[®] Cleaners



1 Stiff, natural fiber brush

2 Variety of cleansers

Recommended Products

Congratulations on your new AZEK Deck/Porch. We know you want to keep it clean and looking its best, so here are a few guidelines on the best products and methods to use to keep your AZEK Deck/Porch looking its best.

These recommended products can be purchased at most hardware stores, lumberyards, home centers such as Lowe's or Home Depot, as well as online. Always make sure to read the cleaning product manufacturers' specific information before using any product on your AZEK Deck/Porch and follow their instructions.

1 BRUSH

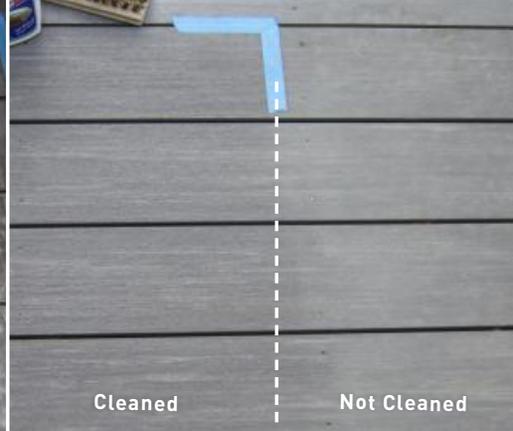
A stiff, natural fiber bristle deck brush is needed. The brush will need a handle port for extension pole or broom handle which can be purchased separately. Quickie® Professional Stiff Natural Fiber Deck Scrub and Blue Hawk Deck Scrub Brush are two we recommend and can be purchased at your local hardware store.

The correct brush type is very important so that it can get into all of the surface texture, when used properly.

2 CLEANSER

To clean your AZEK Deck/Porch, use an all purpose cleanser such as Chomp! World's Best Gutter Cleaner or Zep® Fast 505 Cleaner. The recommended size is 32oz, which treats approximately 150 square feet of deck surface. The cleansers shown above can be purchased at most hardware stores or online.

For stubborn rust stains, use a household cleaner such as Krud Kutter® "The Must For Rust".



1 Before cleaning

2 Saturate with cleanser

3 Scrub in both directions

4 Rinse & allow to dry*

Spot Cleaning

In preparation for spot cleaning as well as full surface cleaning, you will need a bucket of water, stiff natural fiber brush with an extension handle and one of the recommended cleaners.

1 Begin with a soiled area on the deck.

2 Dilute cleanser in water at approximately a 50/50 ratio. Saturate the diluted cleanser and allow it to stand on the surface for 30-60 seconds. **DO NOT** allow the cleanser to dry or evaporate before scrubbing. Clean smaller areas at a time if in direct sunlight. Rinse area thoroughly with water after scrubbing.

3 Using a stiff bristle brush and extension handle, scrub using downward pressure; first scrubbing in the direction of the grain and then against the grain working the cleanser down into the surface texture. **DO NOT** allow the treated area to dry before rinsing thoroughly as this will allow dirt residue to dry in the surface texture.

4 Rinse the treated area with clean water. For best results, dry or remove standing water with towel or sponge mop. Then allow deck to air dry completely.

Always read the cleaning product manufacturers' specific information before using any product on your AZEK Deck/Porch and follow their instructions. It is also a good idea to test the cleanser on a scrap piece or inconspicuous area of the deck to make sure it does not harm the surface.

WARNING: Keep children and pets away from cleaning products and AZEK Deck/Porch until dry.

Note that composite deck cleaners such as Corte Clean®, Thompson's® Water Seal® Oxy Action, Olympic® Premium Deck Cleaner, or other cleaners specified as composite deck cleaners, in powder or liquid form, **SHOULD NOT** be used with AZEK Deck/Porch. AZEK Deck/Porch is a capped polymer and is not a wood plastic composite.



1 Mix cleanser with water



2 Scrub in both directions



3 Rinse often



4 Work in smaller areas

Full Surface Cleaning

After spot cleaning, it may be necessary to go back and clean the entire deck surface if the spot cleaned areas appear cleaner than the non-treated areas.

- 1 Dilute one quart (32 oz) of cleanser into two gallons of water.
- 2 Using a stiff bristle brush and extension handle, dip the brush into the bucket of water containing the cleanser and scrub using downward pressure; first scrubbing in the direction of the grain and then against the grain working the cleanser down into the surface texture. The cleanser will create suds on the deck that need to be rinsed with water. Continue this process across the entire deck surface.
- 3 Always rinse thoroughly before proceeding to the next area. Do not allow scrubbed areas to dry before rinsing as this will cause white hazing of the surface. If your deck is in direct sunlight, you will need to rinse often. After rinsing, allow the area to dry to see if any areas were missed or need another application.

4 The best way to properly and thoroughly clean the decking is to work in smaller areas, about 5 boards at a time, and finish completely before moving on to the next area. Apply cleanser **ONLY** to the sections you are scrubbing. After scrubbing these smaller areas, rinse thoroughly. Systematically work your way across the decking as seen in image. When completed, remove any standing water with a towel or sponge mop and allow the surface to dry.

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Other Considerations

To keep your AZEK Deck/Porch looking its best, here are a few things to consider.

Avoid the use of rubber-backed mats, tarps, pool toys, and other non-porous items on the deck for any extended period of time as these items may cause discoloration to the decking surface.

Some products, such as sunblock and insect repellent, contain chemicals that may alter the surface of AZEK Deck/Porch and Rim Joist Covers. Check product labels and consult with the manufacturer as to product compatibility with plastic materials, such as AZEK Deck/Porch prior to use on or near AZEK Deck/Porch and Rim Joist Covers.

Do not get any PVC glue or similar product on the surface of any AZEK Deck/Porch product as it may discolor and permanently damage the surface.

As with any walking surface, AZEK Deck/Porch products may become slippery in Winter weather. Take caution when walking on the your AZEK Deck/Porch in these conditions. For ice removal, most products containing calcium chloride

can be used without damage to the deck porch surface. These products may leave a white residue which can be cleaned using the cleaning guidelines in the previous pages.

Metal shovels or plastic shovels with a metal leading edge may damage the surface of AZEK Deck/Porch and are not recommended for clearing snow from deck surface.

Always remove jobsite dust, clay, dirt, mud and other construction products from AZEK Deck/Porch and Rim Joist Covers quickly. Do not allow construction dirt and debris to sit on the AZEK Deck/Porch surface.

These guidelines may not cover every care and maintenance scenario encountered. For additional questions about care and maintenance, call (877) ASK-AZEK.

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