

SYLVANIX COMPOSITE DECKING CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Sylvanix decking is low maintenance, however with a little bit of care and cleaning you can help keep your outside space looking beautiful for even longer.



DECK WASHING With the proper safety precautions Sylvanix products can be washed with soapy water and a soft bristled brush. If you choose to use a power washer, please know that you are doing so at your own risk. If a power washer is used, we recommend a maximum of 1500psi. In addition, we recommend that you use a wide fan tip nozzle or oscillating nozzle and that you hold the nozzle at a minimum distance of 8" above the deck surface. Finally, please spray in the direction of the grain pattern on the boards and use extreme caution.

DIRT & GRIME Maintaining a clean, dry surface is the best method for combating dirt, grime and mildew build up, where a periodic cleaning is all that maybe required. Even though Sylvanix products are formulated to inhibit mildew growth and staining, mildew stains can occur where moisture and dirt or pollen is present.

SPOTS & STAINS Many stains can be cleaned with soap or household degreaser and warm water. Scrub and soak the affected area as soon as the stain occurs to ensure best results, then rinse off with warm water. For more stubborn stains we recommend using a composite specific cleaner for more effective stain removal.

SCRAPES & SCRATCHES Surface scratches and abrasions will fade after weathering. However, scrape and scratch marks can be eliminated by using a brass bristled brush. Simply brush in the direction of the grain on the product until the mark has gone.

SNOW REMOVAL For snow removal, we recommend always using a plastic blade shovel so that you don't scratch your deck. To aid in the shovel not catching on board edges, try to shovel the snow in the same direction as your deck boards. For light dustings or fluffier snow, we suggest simply brushing it away with a broom. For melting snow, we recommend ice melt that is approved for use on concrete, such as Calcium Chloride or Magnesium Chloride.

How is Sylvania different from other composite deck boards? Some companies only cap the top or the top and bottom of their deck boards, but Sylvania decking is fully capped. Both our grooved and square edge boards have a four-sided, specially engineered polymer coating that creates an impervious 360° shield around each board for superior protection and strength. Sylvania Decking also offers the industry's first dual color deck board (found in our Elite Collection) as well as decking with dual finishes (found in our Skyline Series decking). In addition, our Destinations line of decking features a scalloped profile that reduces both cost and weight without sacrificing performance. In addition, all Sylvania deck boards are warranted for use with any hidden fastener for even more flexibility.

Where does the recycled plastic and wood used for Sylvania products come from? One of the great strengths of Sylvania is our commitment to sustainability and protecting our world. All Sylvania products are made using recycled plastic and recycled wood. The plastic used in our products is known as HDPE (High-density polyethylene) and it comes from post-consumer plastics in the United States. Here are some commonly recycled items which end up in Sylvania products because of our use of recycled HDPE usage: milk bottles, food and cosmetic containers, pails, grocery bags, and more. The wood in our products is post-manufacturing Eucalyptus hardwood that has been collected to create our beautiful decking.

What is the cap of a deck board and what is it made out of? The cap of a deck board is the protective exterior layer of the board. Some boards only have a cap on one or two sides but Sylvania decking is capped on all four sides (except for the cut sides of the board which expose the core of the board). The cap of Sylvania decking is made of a high grade polymer plastic and is co-extruded with the board to completely encapsulate it (including the groove) for unparalleled performance and long-lasting aesthetics.

Do the boards get hot? As with most products that receive multiple hours of sunlight, Sylvania deck boards may be warm in the summer months but should never get hot enough to burn you. As a good rule of thumb, darker colors will get warmer in the sun.

Is there expansion and contraction? Yes, as with all materials there is thermal expansion and contraction. Sylvania deck boards normally have a finite amount of thermal expansion and contraction depending on your environment and seasonal temperatures. As such, we recommend specific spacing instructions depending on your location and local tempera-

tures. Please refer to our Installation Guide for more detailed information on spacing considerations.

Are the boards fire rated? All Sylvania decking products are fire-rated Class "C" Compliant. In addition, select color pairs in our Elite Collection are also now available in a WUI approved version meeting Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Building Materials requirements set forth by the California Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM).

What is the recommended joist spacing? Recommended joist spacing will depend on your particular application. In most residential applications, Sylvania decking will be installed 16" on center when your deck board is 90 degrees or perpendicular to your joist. If your Sylvania decking is running on a 45 degree angle, you will install your Sylvania decking 12" on center. For more detailed information on installation Sylvania deck boards, please refer to our Installation Guide.

What type of fastener do you recommend for Sylvania? Sylvania deck boards are designed to work with all popular universal hidden fastening systems on the market, giving you the freedom to choose the method that you are most comfortable with or have easiest access to. Sylvania Elite, Skyline, and Destinations grooved decking all feature a universal groove that is compatible with all hidden fastening systems designed for use with composite decking. Any universal fastener will maintain the warranty. Hidden fasteners must be used at every joist. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions to install hidden fasteners. Not sure if your suggested fastening method is a good fit for your upcoming Sylvania deck? Please contact us and we'll be happy to help you.

What are riser or fascia boards? Riser and fascia boards are wider and slimmer variations of a normal composite deck board. These boards act as a covering and are not structural elements. Riser boards are commonly used on stairs to help you achieve the perfect stair height while fascia boards are commonly used to trim or skirt around your deck covering up your joist's underneath. Riser and fascia boards are not necessary to create a beautiful Sylvania deck, but they do help to add aesthetic appeal and put the finishing touch on your outdoor oasis.

Does Sylvania have riser and fascia boards? Yes, Sylvania has a complete product offering for the Elite Collection, Skyline Series, and Destinations decking lines with riser and fascia boards available. With our riser and fascia boards, the boards are not finished on both sides as only one side needs to be exposed for their use.

What lengths are Sylvania boards available in? Sylvania currently offers decking across the Elite Collection and Skyline Series in 12', 16', and 20' grooved profiles. Grooved boards are designed for hidden fastening systems and allow for a seamless deck surface free of visible screws, etc. We also offer 20' deck boards in a square edge profile. These square edge boards are commonly used to trim or picture frame your deck and give a more polished presentation since the sides of the board do not have visible grooves. Lastly, we offer both riser and fascia boards in 12' lengths.

Do I have to cut or treat the ends of the boards before installing? Sylvania products do not require any additional cutting or treating of the board ends.

Does Sylvania have screw plugs that match the color of the deck boards? Sylvania is currently in the process of adding screw plugs to our product lineup and should have an update shortly. In the meantime, Starborn is a strategic partner which offers a full line of color matched screws for all Sylvania decking.

Does Sylvania produce railing? At the current time, Sylvania does not offer a railing solution but we are seeing demand for a high quality, low maintenance railing solution and are exploring future options.

Is there a warranty? How long does the product last? Does it fade? Sylvania products carry a 25 year stain, fade, rot, warp, split and splinter warranty. For more detailed information, please refer to our Product Warranty and Stain & Fade Warranty.

How much does Sylvania cost? Pricing varies nationwide as shipping cost and other factors influence the final price. Sylvania products were designed to outclass the competition and deliver a better overall value for the money. Sylvania products are an investment into your outdoor living space meant to be enjoyed for many years.

What happens to the material after 25 years? Can it be recycled? Sylvania stands behind our products and designs products to outlast our warranty. When the time comes for replacement of your Sylvania products, we hope to have a recycling program established.

How do I clean Sylvania decks? Sylvania products can be washed with a soft bristled brush. If you choose to use a pressure washer, please know that you are doing so at your own risk. If a power washer is used, you should use a wide fan tip nozzle or oscillating nozzle (min. 8" above the deck surface, maximum of 1500psi) then spray in the direction of the grain pattern on the boards and use with extreme caution.