

STAINING

Staining or re-staining your deck can feel intimidating. But if you allow water to enter the wood, you'll start to see small cracks and damage. When done correctly, staining will add new life and protect your beautifully finished deck.

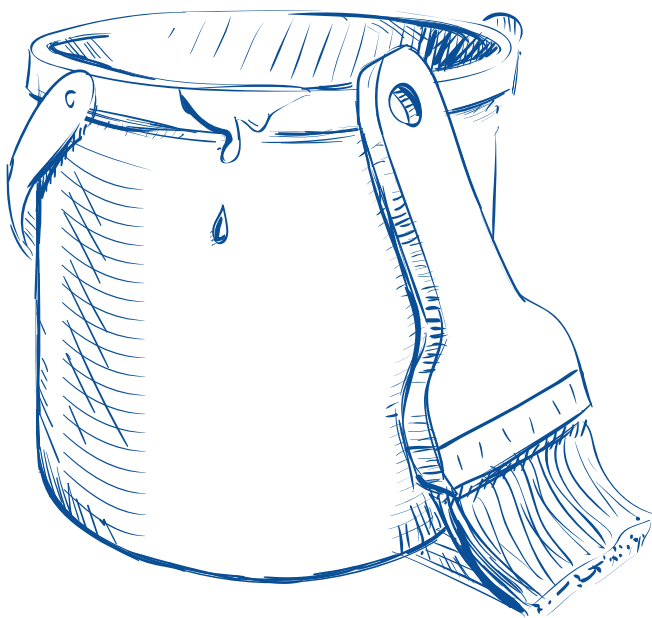
HERE ARE FOUR SIMPLE STEPS TO STAINING YOUR DECK OR PERGOLA

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Always start in a discrete spot to see how the stain is absorbed into the wood and how hard it is to apply evenly. Never allow the stain to puddle and always brush out the stain to get the best coating.

Most stains have the consistency of water, meaning they drip easily and will splatter if you move too quickly. Using less on your brush will help protect you from these mistakes. We suggest working with a partner: while one person rolls on the stain the other can use a brush to remove any excess liquid.

Drying time for your stain will be influenced by a few factors like air temperature, wind speed, moisture content of the deck wood, and direct sunlight or shade application.



1. Repair Any Issues

Fix issues like uneven boards, popped nails or peeling paint before picking your stain color to ensure an easy application.

2. Clean the Deck

Stripping off stain is a good idea if it's peeling or worn down, or if you want to change the color. Power washing is a great option for removing old stain to get it ready for a new coat. You may also want to use a deck brightener as a solution to removing any debris or old stain.

3. Make Sure the Material is Ready for Staining

Depending on the material used to build your deck and the age of the deck, you might need to give the wood some time for the chemicals to dry out before it will properly accept stain.

4. Grab Your Supplies

- Outdoor deck stain (make sure to read the label)
- Stain sprayer for railings and spindles
- Drop cloths
- Paint roller
- Paint brushes
- Paint roller tray
- Face mask, rubber gloves, eye protection
- Stain pad
- Stain pad applicator
- Ladder