

Care and Cleaning Guide

All exterior building materials require cleaning. Periodic cleaning of Trex Decking & Railing will maintain the beauty of a Trex deck. Trex recommends a basic cleaning to remove dirt and debris at time of installation.

Problem	Solution
Dirt and Debris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean deck to remove dirt and debris. Soap, hot water and a soft bristle brush are all that is needed. For Artisan products, general cleaning may be done with an orange citrus cleaner. For a tougher stain, use a Mr. Clean® Magic Eraser* in conjunction with an orange citrus cleaner.
Chalk Markings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All colored chalk lines are permanent except white. Scrubbing the area with hot, soapy water with bleach may dislodge some of the chalk. We suggest using white chalk or baby powder.
Visible Mill Markings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mill markings on the side of Trex decking boards are required by building codes. With careful installation, most mill markings can be hidden. Visible mill markings can be lightened with denatured alcohol, which can be found in hardware stores.
Water Spots, Leaf Staining & Wood Tannins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tannin leaching occurs in Trex and all wood-based products naturally. Allow for at least 12 weeks of normal weathering. This process may be hastened through the use of a product containing oxalic or phosphoric acid, commonly known as Deck Brightener.
Pigment Staining	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the weathering process, a small amount of surface pigmentation may wash off of the Trex surface, which may discolor neighboring surfaces. Remove with common rust cleaner for use on affected area material.
Ice & Snow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calcium chloride or rock salt, available in many home centers, will melt ice on Trex decking. Rinse off when first practical. Use caution when removing snow or ice with a snow shovel, and never use a metal snow shovel on a Trex deck. A shovel may scratch the deck, which is not covered under warranty.
Scuffs & Abrasions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scuffs and abrasions can fade or disappear naturally after 12 - 16 weeks of weathering. This can be accelerated with a product containing oxalic or phosphoric acid, also known as Deck Brightener, followed by weathering.

*Mr. Clean® Magic Eraser is a trademark of Procter and Gamble Inc.

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Rust Stains, Ground-In Dirt & Grime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a cleaning product containing oxalic or phosphoric acid base, also known as Deck Brightener to lighten or remove the rust or dirt. Product may need to sit on stain 10 - 15 minutes before rinsing.
Oil & Grease Stains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrub in a household-degreasing agent as soon as the stain occurs. Rinse with hot water. For more severe stains, call 1-800-BUY-TREX.
Berries & Wine Stains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mix bleach into hot water according to the bleach-packaging label. Scrub the stain lightly and rinse thoroughly. The stain may not disappear entirely, cleaning entire deck.
Ink Stains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inks may be permanent. However, the stain may be lightened by scrubbing it with hot soapy water. Rinse thoroughly.
Mold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Semi-annual (spring and fall) cleaning of your deck is important to prevent the buildup of pollen and other debris that can cause mold. Use conventional deck washes or cleaners that contain sodium hypochlorite (bleach) and detergent (refer to Mold Technical Bulletin on www.trex.com). Please refer to the Trex Mold Bulletin for more information.
Pressure Washer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trex Company does not recommend the use of a pressure washer. The use of a pressure washer with a greater than 1,500 PSI and/or applied closer than 12" from the deck surface could damage the decking surface and result in a loss of warranty coverage.
Sanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trex Company does not recommend sanding. Sanding will change the appearance of the surface of Trex[®] material and will void the warranty.
Disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trex Decking and Railing products should be disposed with normal construction debris or household waste. Do not burn Trex Artisan Product due to its material composition.