

Decking Maintenance Checklist

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Seasonal inspection & care guide to keep your decking safe and long-lasting

Regular maintenance prevents costly repairs and extends the life of your decking. Use this checklist every season to identify issues early and keep your outdoor space safe.

✓ GENERAL INSPECTION

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| ■ Check boards for movement | ■ Check for algae or moss |
| ■ Inspect for loose or warped boards | ■ Inspect surface cracks |
| ■ Check fixings for rust | ■ Check drainage after rain |
| ■ Test steps and handrails | ■ Inspect joists/subframe |
| ■ Look for soft/rotten areas | ■ Ensure gaps are clear |

✓ CLEANING & MAINTENANCE

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| ■ Sweep debris regularly | ■ Apply wood treatment yearly |
| ■ Wash with mild soap | ■ Keep surface dry before oiling |
| ■ Brush off algae growth | ■ Maintain drainage gaps |
| ■ Use decking cleaner if needed | ■ Remove fallen leaves |
| ■ Rinse thoroughly | ■ Avoid harsh chemicals |

SEASONAL CARE GUIDE

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| Spring | Deep clean & inspect winter damage |
| Summer | Monitor fading & clean after use |
| Autumn | Remove leaves & prevent moisture build-up |
| Winter | Clear ice/snow & avoid salt on timber |

Call a professional if you notice rot, instability, movement, unsafe steps, or drainage issues. Early repairs are more cost-effective than full replacement.