

## **FLEXSTONE DECK COATINGS** | MAINTENANCE & CLEANING GUIDELINES

- Urethane coatings require only minimal care and maintenance to preserve their appearance and longevity, but some cleaning is needed periodically. Flexstone is cool on the feet and is nearly maintenance free but some cleaning is needed.
- Cleaning can be easily accomplished by using a long-handled stiff bristle brush with general purpose cleaner and hot water to loosen the dirt then hose off in 10 minutes. We recommend a Canadian made product called '30 Seconds Outdoor Cleaner'. You can also pressure wash the deck if desired (use medium pressure).
- In some neglected cases or stubborn stains, it may be necessary to use an aggressive solvent/cleaner or special solvents like Xylene, Acetone or Toluene. Use caution when using these solvents: soak a rag and scrub then rinse as they can dissolve the membrane and you don't want to remove too much of the top coat.
- The sooner any dirt or stains are removed the easier it is to keep the surface looking new. The longer stains are unattended to, the more chance they may penetrate into microscopic pores and "set".
- Special care should be taken that potted plants and planter box run-offs are not allowed to cause deep staining from their soil-salts, plant foods and fertilizers. Keep pots elevated and move the base from time to time to clean.
- It's a good idea for patio furniture to have protective caps where they contact the deck surface. Use coasters if metal exists and rust may occur. Polyurethane coatings are incredibly tough and flexible but rust stains could eventually result.
- The use of imitation grass, rubber mats or other outdoor carpets on decks is not advised, since they trap moisture and over time could cause some staining.
- Physical damage is highly unlikely but if something does happen that may affect the waterproof integrity it should be immediately brought to the attention of an Approved Flexstone Applicator. It is usually a quick and inexpensive fix
- Flexstone overlays can have an unlimited longevity if they are given reasonable care and maintenance. You can add a new finish coat or even upgrade to a more luxurious finish anytime extending the life of the surface indefinitely. If the surface has not been cleaned regularly this option gives you a brand-new appearance at any time for a nominal fee.