

## DECK CARE AND CLEANING GUIDELINES SUGGESTED BY TREX

<u>DIRT AND DEBRIS</u>: Surface dirt/debris can be removed from deck using warm soapy water and a soft bristle brush/broom (no power washing).

<u>ICE AND SNOW</u>: To protect deck surface, use a plastic shovel to remove snow. Calcium chloride or rock salt may be used to melt snow/ice.

<u>OIL, GREASE AND FOOD</u>: All food spills should be removed as soon as possible, no longer than seven days, **to maintain the stain warranty.** Use warm, soapy water and a soft bristle brush/broom to remove spills on the deck surface.

MOLD AND MILDEW: Use warm soapy water with a soft bristle brush/broom to remove pollen, mold or mildew buildup on the deck surface.

<u>RAILINGS</u>: Use warm soapy water to clean railings. Never use acetone or solvents. Avoid all attachments to railings. Only Plexiglass may be used as a safety barrier, secured with zip-ties. Do not drill in railings or posts.

<u>PRIVACY FENCES</u>: Avoid use of nails/screws on privacy fence. Decorative items may be hung on privacy fence using command strips or plastic hangers.

<u>RUGS AND GRILL MATS</u>: Allow deck surface to be exposed to elements for 3 months prior to covering with rugs/mats, to avoid uneven aging/coloration. Furniture and other items may be placed on the deck immediately. **All rugs/grill mats should be made of colorfast synthetic materials like polypropylene, recycled plastic, polyester or vinyl-backed. Grill mats should be fireproof.** DO NOT use rugs/mats made of rubber or latex to avoid marks/discoloration, or metal accents that cause scratching to the deck.

<u>PLANTS</u>: Plants may be placed on the deck floor, avoiding standing water between pot and deck. Planters/window boxes are not permitted to hang on/over railing to ensure safety from falling objects.

<u>ATTACHMENTS</u>: **PLEASE NOTE**: Attachments are not permitted using screws, nails, tacks, staples, etc., to any part of the deck, railing, privacy fence or supporting structure. This includes, but is not limited to, satellite dishes, lights, cameras and decorative items. If you have an item that you feel needs to be attached, a Request for Alteration form must be completed and approved.