

DECK CARE AND CLEANING GUIDELINES SUGGESTED BY TREX

<u>DIRT AND DEBRIS</u>: Surface dirt/debris can be removed from the deck using warm, soapy water and a soft bristle brush/broom (NO Power Washing).

ICE AND SNOW: To protect the 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.

PRIVACY FENCES: Avoid the use of nails/screws on privacy fences. Decorative items may be hung on privacy fences using command strips or plastic hangers.

RUGS AND GRILL MATS: Allow deck surface to be exposed to elements for 3 months before covering with rugs/mats. All rugs/grill mats should be made of colorfast synthetic materials like polypropylene, recycled plastic, polyester, or viny-backed. Grill mats should be fireproof. DO NOT use rugs/carpets made of rubber, vinyl, or latex to avoid marks/discoloration or metal accents that cause scratching to the deck.

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