



What should I use for routine cleaning?

- ▶ Remove leaves and debris by sweeping with a soft bristle broom, or water hose. This prevents buildup of dirt and allows the deck or porch to dry naturally.
- ▶ When necessary, use a neutral pH cleaner, or a small amount of mild powdered laundry detergent, or a dishwashing detergent in water to help clean surface dirt. Use caution as areas that are wet may be slippery. Always rinse thoroughly.

Step-by-step instructions to cleaning Perennial Wood with algae or mold growth:

- ▶ Follow the instructions outlined below when cleaning your Perennial Wood deck or porch.
 1. Prepare the cleaning solution in a clean, portable garden sprayer.
 2. To prepare the cleaning solution, add 1/4 cup of regular household bleach and 1/4 cup of powdered laundry detergent per gallon of water. Use one gallon for every 150 square feet of decking, porch flooring, and/or railing. Follow safety guidelines for handling and using household bleach and protect bleach sensitive items. **CAUTION: Do not use more than 1/4 cup of bleach per gallon of water, as this can damage the coating and underlying wood.**
 3. Spray solution on a small section of the deck or porch and leave for 10 minutes. Use caution as areas that are wet may be slippery.
 4. After letting sit for 10 minutes, use an eraser sponge mop (such as a Mr. Clean® Magic Eraser Mop) on the surface to clean stubborn areas. A soft-bristled brush (such as used on automotive finishes) can be used on the railing. Do not apply excessive force when mopping or brushing.
 5. Thoroughly rinse for several minutes with water. Failure to do so can result in damage to the coating and the underlying wood.
 6. If Perennial Wood was purchased uncoated with the intent of painting or staining later, follow the manufacturer's cleaning recommendations included for the paint or stain unless the paint or stain cleaning recommendations require more than 1/4 cup of bleach and/or more than 10-20 minutes sitting time. In this case, follow Perennial Wood's Cleaning Recommendations in order to prevent damage to the deck or porch flooring.

Decking and porch flooring can be permanently damaged, and the warranty voided, if these directions regarding bleach concentration (maximum of 1/4 cup of bleach per gallon of water), exposure time (10-20 minutes), or thorough rinsing are not followed.