



TIPS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Deck "Survival" Tips

(NAPSA)—With another winter just around the corner, it's time to start thinking about cleaning, restoring and protecting your deck so it survives the onslaught of ice, snow, sleet and moisture that can damage it during the months ahead. Here's some deck "survival" tips from the experts at Wolman Wood Care Products:

- Patio furniture stored for the winter? Take the opportunity to "protect your deck" and get it ready for winter. The first step in protecting your deck is to restore your weathered-gray deck and thoroughly clean it to remove the dirt, mildew and food stains that accumulated over the spring and summer months.

Use a specially formulated deck cleaner like Wolman Deck & Fence Brightener, which features an oxygenated bleach formula that removes grayed wood surfaces, ground-in dirt and even the toughest of stains.

It restores a natural, like-new look to wood without bleaching or degrading its structure, like chlorine bleach solutions can. It even removes invisible coating barriers, like excess wax, mill glaze and old, water-repellent residue.

- Step One: For previously stained wood, strip any faded, deteriorated or unwanted colored coating. Use a product such as Wolman DeckStrip Stain & Finish Remover that removes both oil and latex solid or semitransparent stains and toned finishes, and prepares the wood for the reapplication of protective coatings. In 15 minutes, DeckStrip dissolves the old coating, so you can rinse it away and restore the wood to its pre-stained, natural look.



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- Step Two: After the wood is restored and your deck is rid of surface barriers or unwanted finishes, it's important to seal it with a protective water repellent finish and preservative.

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Select a product such as Wolman F&P-Premium Wood Finish and Preservative, which offers a guarantee on water repellent longevity so you won't have to apply a new coat every year. Wolman F&P also contains an EPA-registered preservative that will impede the growth of mold and mildew, and protect against rot and decay.

For more deck "survival" tips visit the Wolman Web site at www.wolman.com. Or, call the company's technical service department at 1-800-556-7737.