



WOODCARE

MAINTENANCE GUIDE.

Haymes Woodcare products have been chosen for your beautiful new home to ensure you receive the best possible timber finish. To ensure your timber continues to look great, we have provided some simple aftercare maintenance tips and guidelines.

General Maintenance of Exterior Timbers

E.g. Cladding, screens, fencing, decking and hand rails

For timbers that has been finished with a Haymes Woodcare Timber coating we recommend the following:

- Regular cleaning will rejuvenate the surface coating.
- Clean the surface using warm water with a small amount of mild detergent using a soft bristle broom or mop. Rinse down the entire surface with clean water and allow to dry.
- Inspect on a regular basis and re-coat at first signs of wear or deterioration.



Keep your home looking the way you dreamed it would by taking good care of your coated surfaces.

How often should you clean and maintain your deck?

There are many factors to consider:

- The type of coating system selected, e.g. penetrating oils or a coating and if a nonslip additive has been used.
- Type of timber, e.g. Treated Pine, Merbau, Spotted Gum or other Hardwoods.
- Orientation and exposure to sunlight, e.g. North or South facing.
- Vertical, eg. cladding or horizontal, eg. decking
- If the timber is covered or shaded by trees or buildings.
- Amount of foot traffic if on a deck.
- Landscaping and other environmental conditions surrounding the cladding or decking, i.e. high dust, conditions from gardens, building sites or paddocks, dirt, sand or aggregate pathways which can be picked up on footwear, resulting in accelerated wear of the coating on decks.
- Pools, ponds or other water features located near the decking. Constant splashing and ponding of water and salts on the coating will accelerate the degradation.

Timber types:

Decks constructed from Hardwood timbers, such as Merbau, Spotted Gum Black Butt, Stringy Bark, and Iron Bark are denser, more tannin and oil rich and will require more frequent coating maintenance.

Exterior coated timber that is exposed to higher levels of sunlight, such as in north facing aspects or uncovered areas will also require more frequent maintenance cycles compared to timbers that sheltered and south facing.



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How to maintain: Cladding and Decking

General cleaning:

Sweep the deck with a soft bristle broom (generally nylon bristle brooms are suitable).

TIP: Avoid the use of hard bristle brooms, particularly where a non-slip additive has been added to the decking coating. Hard bristles will have a more abrasive action on the coating and can remove the non-slip materials from the coating.

- If the dirt or other contamination cannot be adequately removed by sweeping, then the deck can be washed with potable water only or a mild dilute detergent solution. When using water or a mild, dilute detergent solution, use a soft sponge, mop or soft bristle broom to clean. After cleaning the surface should be washed down using mains pressure water and a regular 12 or 13mm garden type hose with a standard hose nozzle.
- For more heavily soiled deck areas from bird droppings or tree sap, a stronger detergent or repeated cleaning may be required.
- Cleaning these materials from the Cladding or Deck promptly will also assist with the coating's longevity. As with standard cleaning, the areas should be rinsed as soon as the contamination is removed and allowed to dry out.

TIP: Do not use a high-pressure cleaner or pressure nozzle hose as part of the routine cleaning as this can accelerate the wear of the coating. High pressure cleaning should only be done as part of the preparation for recoating the timber.

- For decks Before opening up the deck to foot traffic, ensure that the deck is completely dry so as to prevent accidental slippage.

General Maintenance:

- It is recommended to regularly inspect the coating for wear and deterioration. Most often the breakdown of the coating will start to occur in areas where there is more frequent foot traffic, such as doorways, in areas where the deck is more exposed to the elements (sun and rain), or in areas where the deck is frequently wet, such areas surrounding pools, ponds and other water features.
- Cladding or Decks that are located in areas around sand, dirt or gravel pathways, or where there are high levels of airborne dirt from construction or other activities, will require more frequent cleaning to prevent the build-up of abrasive materials on the surface.

Decking – Non Slip

- For decking coatings where the non-slip additive has been used, pay particular attention to the retention of the non-slip aggregate in the coating. If the non-slip additive is visibly being removed from the coating in areas of high foot traffic and the slip resistance of the surface is deteriorating, then the affected areas should be recoated as soon as possible.

TIP: A comparison between areas where people and pets are not walking on the deck compared to high traffic areas will assist in determining if there has been excessive loss of non-slip additive.

Exterior coated Timbers

- When cleaning exterior coated timbers, pay attention to areas of colour change, loss of sheen and visible patchy areas to the coating e.g. wear on the coating or cracking of the timber.
- If an area is found requiring recoating then this should be done as soon as possible to prevent further degradation of the coating and damage to the timber.
- Prior to commencing work, read the instructions for the recoating of previously painted timber below or refer to the relevant product data sheet

How to recoat Timber Deck & Cladding?

- For best results we recommend removal of all previous coatings if unsound. If, however the coating is in sound condition, clean the timber with Haymes Woodcare Wood Cleaner, rinse the surface clean with a pressure cleaner and then apply one coat of the chosen Woodcare product in an inconspicuous area and allow to dry for 24 hours.

TIP: Check that weather conditions for the following 48 to 72 hours does not have rain forecast. This will prevent any early water damage to the coating.

- Cut an X in the surface and press tape firmly over the cut. Pull the tape off and inspect. If any coating has stuck to the tape the surface will need to be thoroughly stripped before recoating. If the coating has not stuck to the tape, then clean the timber with Haymes Woodcare Wood Cleaner as per instructions using a high-pressure water cleaner.
- Wash the residue off and allow the deck to dry. The coating can then be applied once the timber has dried out for 24 hrs.

If Timber stripped back to bare:

After stripping the previous coating, we recommend the following preparation steps;

1. Ensure all surfaces are clean, bare, dry and free of mould, wax, grease and other contaminants prior to applying the coating. The presence of contaminants will cause rejection and delamination.
 2. Clean the surface thoroughly with Haymes Woodcare Wood Cleaner following the application instructions.
 3. Rinse surface clean using a pressure washer and allow the timber to dry out completely.
 4. Check timber is ready for coating by sprinkling with water. Ensure water penetrates the timber otherwise a repeat application of wood cleaner is required.
- If necessary, fill cracks, nail holes and imperfections with Haymes Woodcare Wood Putty. Sand smooth and dust down. The timber is now ready for coating.