

### Attractive, Wood-like Finish

While Nexwood does not have all the hassles that come with maintaining wood decks, it has the beauty of an attractive-looking wood finish. Like wood, you can cut, sand, and drill Nexwood deck boards, and the brushed surface helps with more traction when the product becomes wet.

### Nexwood vs. Wood and Plastic Decking (2x6 & 5/4X6 Radius Edge Deck Boards)

Nexwood retains many of the same qualities of wood and combines them with the benefits of plastic, creating a product that is both versatile and attractive for years. The following chart clearly contrasts 2x6 & 5/4x6 Radius Edge Nexwood boards to comparable wood and plastic products used for decking.

	NEXWOOD	WOOD	100% PLASTIC
Up to 20 Year Limited Manufacturer Warranty*	X		
Up to 24" SPAN on center**	X	X	
Look of wood	X	X	
Easy to work with	X	X	
Low thermal expansion/contraction	X	X	
Slip Resistant	X	X	
Building Code acceptance	X		X
Moisture Resistant	X		X
No checking, splinters and warping	X		X
Made from recycled materials	X		X
Easy to clean and care for	X		X
Rot and termite resistant	X		X

\* Up to 20 year warranty on 2x6 boards; 10 year warranty on 5/4x6 Radius Edge and 5/4 T&G boards.

\*\* Up to 24" spans for 2x6 & 5/4x6 Radius Edge boards; up to 16" spans for 5/4 T&G boards.

## Nexwood Care and Cleaning Tips

This section provides information on how to care for your Nexwood deck. Following our easy-care tips will ensure that your deck looks fresh and attractive for a long time.

### Normal Care

Once a Nexwood deck is installed, periodic cleaning is necessary to keep the deck looking great. For dirt, dust and other residue, simply sweep with a broom. If necessary, wash the deck down in the direction of the grain with a garden hose or a pressure washer (at a 45° angle to the deck, do not use too close to the deck surface).

### Stain Removal

Use a deck washing solution (e.g., **BEHR No: 63**, wood cleaner brightener conditioner, or **CleanCoat Deck Cleaner & Brightener**) to remove stains. It is available at home centers, lumberyards, or hardware stores. Some solutions will lighten the color of

Nexwood so it is recommended that you apply the solution to the entire surface. Please read and follow instructions on the containers of any products you use.

### ***Mold, mildew, leaves and berries***

Ideally, you should clean the dirt off your deck before mildew starts, because the dirt is what feeds the mold. If mold/mildew appears on your deck, a deck washing product containing sodium hydrochloride and a detergent can be used. Never mix any other cleaners (ammonia, phosphoric acid, etc.) with the deck washing product. Vinegar can be used to kill the mold. You can try **CleanCoat Deck Mold & Mildew Inhibitor, or Composite Deck Cleaner & Enhancer**.

### ***Rust stains, ground-in dirt and grime***

If deck washing solutions cannot remove a steadfast rust stain, use a cleaner that contains Phosphoric Acid, or try **Zep Calcium Lime and Rust Stain Remover**. Rust stain removers are corrosive, so please handle with care and follow instructions on the container. If necessary, use a medium to heavy grain sandpaper (grit #40) to lightly sand the surface in the direction of the grain.

### ***Oil, coffee and grease stains***

Scrub with a degreasing agent (**K2R**, or citrus-based cleaners, e.g. **Commercial Zep/Degreaser, CleanCoat Deck Grease & Oil Remover, or Oil Eater Cleaner Degreaser**) as soon as the spill occurs. If necessary, use a medium to heavy grain sandpaper and sand lightly in the direction of the grain until the stain is not noticeable. To prevent stains around your barbeque, lay a large plastic sheet under the barbeque during use to capture grease splatter. Since Nexwood is “wood-like”, oil or grease will stain the surface. If the grease stain has already penetrated into the “wood-grain”, petroleum distillates, xylene, methanol, **acetone**, or other organic solvents may soften the grease stain from your deck.

### ***Red wine stains***

Apply soda water to the stain and let stand for two minutes, but do not let it dry! Blot off and rinse thoroughly with water. Repeat the process if necessary.

### ***Blood stains***

Pour cold water or Hydrogen Peroxide (3%) on stain. Blot off and repeat if necessary.

### ***Urine stains***

Pour white vinegar over area. Let it set for a few minutes, but do not let it dry! Rinse thoroughly with water.

### ***Water stains***

In dry climates where rainfall is scarce, or if you get morning dew, you may find water stains and streaks on your Nexwood products, especially in shaded areas. To minimize these stains and streaks, wash the deck down with a garden hose or a pressure washer (at a 45° angle to the deck, do not use too close to the deck surface). You can also lightly sand the surface in the direction of the grain, or follow the instructions for Stain Removal (on previous page).

## **Color Change**

Similar to real wood products, Nexwood will tend to fade when exposed to sunlight and natural weathering. It is important to recognize that over time, our Driftwood Gray, Sierra Brown, Sequoia Red and Natural colors will tend to fade to a silver grayish color or may carry a slight under tone of the base color of the re-cycled plastic material (green, blue, red, etc.), due to the effects of UV radiation and weathering. The speed or intensity of this process varies due to many uncontrollable factors, i.e.: intensity of the sun, wet/dry cycles and general climatic conditions. Rice-hulls fade out, color-changes from yellow to slightly yellowish intensifying color fading. Under weathering, small amount of the rice hulls gradually lose their bound's forces with the plastic matrix, and separate from the surfaces. There may also be slight "color tone variations" between boards from different production batches. We are unable to control the amount of fade or final color tone and therefore we cannot offer any warranty on the color of our recycled products. Our warranty specifically excludes: "Fading of original color due to natural weathering; or slight variations in color due to use of recycled plastic in the product; or customer misuse causing stains." Please visit our website at [www.nexwood.com](http://www.nexwood.com) or call us to obtain complete copies of the Nexwood Limited Warranty.

## **Nicks, Cuts and Grooves**

To eliminate nicks and grooves, use a medium to heavy grain sandpaper and sand lightly in the direction of the grain. If there is a groove, scratch, or stain that cannot be eliminated with sandpaper, simply reverse or replace the deck board if possible. To match the texture of the reversed side to the other boards, take a sanding block with a #50 grain sandpaper and sand lightly in the same direction as the grain on the other boards.

## **Ice and snow**

If you reside in a cold weather climate and would like to avoid accumulating snow/ice on your Nexwood deck, use calcium chloride, safety rock salt, or Ice Melter (Safe Thaw) to melt it. Remove the ice and snow with a plastic or wood shovel as it begins to melt.