



## GARDEN EZEE AFTERCARE TIPS ©

### DECKING

**GARDEN EZEE** uses premium quality timber decking and galvanised fittings for all our deck constructions. To further prolong the life and appearance of your decking for many years to come, we suggest a regular maintenance programme to help keep it looking good. The following are suggested tips:

#### CLEANING

1. Brush every couple of weeks with a stiff bristle brush to clear debris, bird droppings, dead leaves etc., which will also prevent the surface from developing mould, algae etc. and becoming slippery.
2. Wash down twice a year (Spring and Autumn) with a hosepipe (we would not recommend the use of a pressure washer as this could damage the wood fibres). For stubborn stains or moss, algae etc. removal, use a decking cleaner/reviver available from garden centres and DIY stores and apply using the manufacturers recommendations. *Everbuild Patio Wizard (Moss Away)*© is a new type of moss, mould and algae treatment for patios, decking and other areas which I have used personally and would recommend. It is safe and non-hazardous to children and pets, once dry; made from biodegradable ingredients and does not include any bleach or acid contents; and is supplied as a concentrate - 1 litre pack dilutes with water at a rate of 1 to 10 to make 10 litres of product. Does not need to be washed down afterwards, as this will reduce the effectiveness of the treatment.

As with any product on the market, please check manufacturers' guidelines for suitability on your patio, paving or decking products.

#### PROTECTING

1. From UV rays to rain and snow, weather from all seasons will have an effect on your timber deck. Re-treating your decking every couple of years will not only help protect it against the elements, but will also maintain/restore its appearance. A range of oils, sealants, decking stains and 'all in one treatments' for

either new or weathered timber decking, are available from garden centres and DIY stores.

2. Plant containers look great but to avoid causing damp areas for algae to thrive try to use moisture proof tubs, or keep pots elevated in plant stands (making sure any metal stands are treated with rust inhibitor). To prevent 'faded' areas move plant containers (and garden furniture) around periodically.