

Make Your Own Deck Cleaner



Now that summer is in full swing many people enjoy spending free time outside on their patios or decks. Often times a deck is used to enjoy the sunshine, barbecuing with friends or just spending time with family and neighbors and taking in all that nature has to offer. However, during the months when we aren't taking advantage of our wonderful decks, nature weathers and ages them dramatically.

Two of our products can bring those dull boards back to life with a quick scrub and rinse! [Tri-sodium phosphate](#) (TSP) eats away the built-up dirt on the deck while [oxalic acid](#) brings out the grain and original brightness and color of the wood. The best part is these chemicals are safe for treated lumber or to prep for re-staining or coating your deck or patio. We demonstrated the cleaning power of these chemicals on one board but this process will work for your whole deck, though more solution may be required depending on deck size.

Supplies needed:

- 2 [5-gallon buckets](#) or large containers
- 1 scrubbing brush or durable broom (that can get wet)
- 1 cup of [TSP](#)
- 1 cup of [Oxalic Acid](#)
- Roughly 10 gallons of water
- Water sealant or varnish (optional)

1 dirty, weathered deck

Instructions:

1. Pour TSP in one bucket and fill the rest of the way with water



2. Make sure the TSP has dissolved and stir if necessary
3. Repeat Steps 1-2 with the oxalic acid
4. Soak your scrubbing brush in the TSP solution and begin to scrub a section of the deck



5. Work your way along the deck until all of it has been scrubbed
6. Rinse the deck with water



7. Soak your scrubbing brush in the oxalic acid solution and begin to scrub the deck again, working your way along until all of it has been scrubbed again



8. Rinse again
9. Let dry and enjoy!



10. (Optional) - To ensure the wood remains clean, apply a water sealant or varnish to your newly cleaned deck to give it that fresh-built look.



Once it dries, your deck will be the color of new wood, almost like it was just built! With this quick and easy method you'll have your deck looking fresh for barbecues, family gatherings or summer-time lounging in no time!