

# STORAGE & HANDLING GUIDELINES:

Follow the below storage and handling recommendations to ensure your MoistureShield decking products look their best for installation.

## **STORAGE**

### 1. KEEP IT WRAPPED

Leave the original bands, pallet boards, and wrap in place to ensure the decking boards remain clean and protected from exposure to the elements.

### 2. KEEP IT FLAT

Always store MoistureShield decking products on a flat surface.

- For stacks in a yard, line up the pallet boards as much as possible through the stack to ensure maximum stability and prevent bowing. Limit 10 units of the same board length per stack.
- For cantilever racks, ensure there's a level rack arm every 48" to help prevent bowing and center the unit across all the rack arms. Limit one unit per rack arm span.
- Loose boards should be stored across a solid surface or wire rack to prevent bowing.

### 3. KEEP IT SAFE

Do not store near strong oxidizing agents, combustible material, or sources of heat.

#### FLOOR STACK STORAGE:

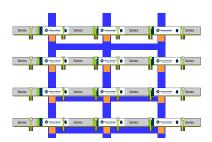


Stable stack



Unstable stack

#### **CANTILEVER RACK STORAGE:**





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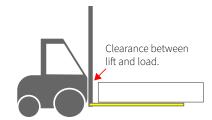
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## **HANDLING**

# 1. PRACTICE GOOD FORKLIFT TECHNIQUES

Follow all standard safety procedures and verify the load is within your forklift's weight capacity to ensure safe travel.

- Spread the forks as wide as possible and center the load across the forks to minimize sagging.
- Avoid carrying materials against the very back of the lift; allow a few inches between the load and the back of the lift arms to prevent gouging the edges.
- Lift the load high enough to allow at least 2" clearance from each edge of the unit and the ground.

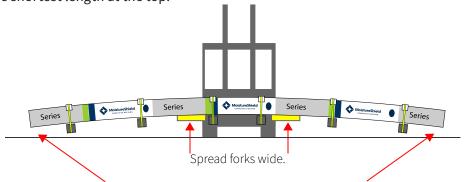


### 2. HANDLE WITH HELP

Loose boards are heavy and may flex more in warmer temperatures, so carrying planks by hand should be a two-person job.

#### 3. HANDLE WITH CARE

Use caution when maneuvering around the yard to avoid striking the material. Move no more than 4 units of the same length at a time. If moving different lengths on the same stack, place the longest length on the bottom and work toward the shortest length at the top.



Ensure at least 2" clearance above the ground at each end.