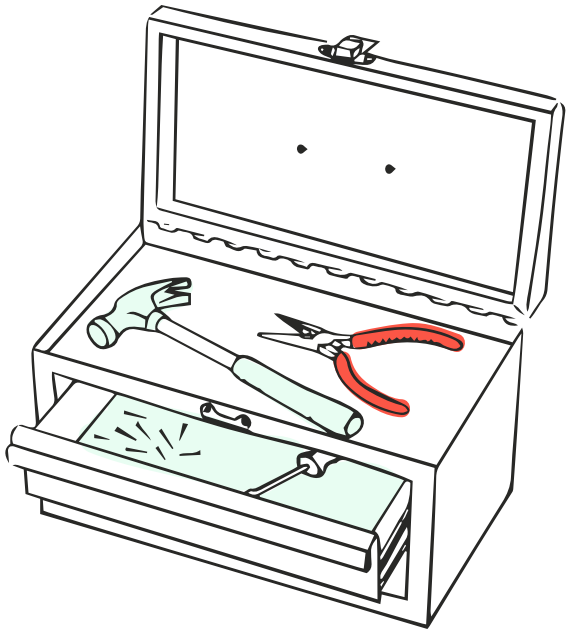
DECK MAINTENANCE Checklist

Supplies

- [ ] Cleaning agent
- [ ] Broom
- [ ] Mop
- [ ] Microfiber cloths
- [ ] Screwdriver
- [ ] Sealant for wood decks
- [ ] Paint for wood decks
- [ ] Sandpaper
- [ ] Tarps
- [ ] Putty knife

General Tips

- [ ] Rearrange furniture/plants often
- [ ] Use protective pads and rugs
- [ ] Trim nearby bushes and trees
- [ ] Use a waterproof solution
- [ ] Seal composite decking
- [ ] Use fire-resistant grill mat
- [ ] Keep a fire extinguisher by grill



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Spring

- [ ] No splintering or cracks
- [ ] No rotting or warping
- [ ] No decaying joists/support boards
- [ ] No insect damage
- [ ] No mold below the surface
- [ ] No loose or protruding screws/nails
- [ ] No rust
- [ ] Fasteners, stairs, railings secure
- [ ] No holes in the flashing
- [ ] Replace loose or rusty screws
- [ ] Tighten or replace loose fasteners
- [ ] Fill holes with exterior wood filler
- [ ] Replace damaged boards
- [ ] Secure warping boards
- [ ] Replace flashing if necessary
- [ ] Consider a professional inspection

Summer

- [ ] Spot clean weekly
- [ ] Remove and clean furniture/fixtures
- [ ] Sweep away debris
- [ ] Hand-scrub oftwood decks
- [ ] Power wash hardwood decks
- [ ] Remove debris from between boards with a putty knife
- [ ] Rinse the deck with a garden hose
- [ ] Clear away pooling water



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Fall

- [ ] Sweep away leaves, etc.
- [ ] Sand wood decks every 2 years
- [ ] Vacuum sanding debris
- [ ] Apply stain every 2–3 years
- [ ] Apply paint every 2–3 years
- [ ] Use a stain with built-in sealant

Winter

- [ ] Store/cover deck furniture
- [ ] Clear out debris and dirt
- [ ] Apply a waterproof sealant
- [ ] Apply an anti-slip treatment
- [ ] Remove snow regularly
- [ ] Use ice melt regularly
- [ ] Remove ice from steps and railings
- [ ] Install anti-slip mats



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