

## **IMPORTANT**

These Care & Cleaning guidelines will not cover every scenario possible. If you need additional information, or still have questions about care and cleaning of LANAI Premium Plank Decking, email [hello@lanaioutdoors.com](mailto:hello@lanaioutdoors.com).

Because of the specially formulated capping used, LANAI Premium Plank Decking products are typically easily cleaned with water and a soft brush. Wherever possible, do not use anything rough or abrasive, any harsh chemicals, or anything acidic to clean. This could potentially damage the surface. Some tougher debris/stains can be eliminated with water, a soft bristle brush, and even some less harsh cleaning agents. Always try on a small piece or an inconspicuous area first to ensure the procedure is working, and to check for color fastness.

## **Spot Cleaning w/ Water (and Soap)**

Whenever possible, use only water, water with a soft-bristled brush, or water with a soft-bristled brush and mild soap. Work in smaller, manageable sections to ensure that the area is thoroughly rinsed before moving onto the next section and do not let any type of soap dry on the Deck Planks. It is important that you have a clean and abundant water source for rinsing (hose or power washer).

Avoid cleaning on very hot days or in direct sunlight as this will cause the surface to dry faster, potentially leaving soap residue.

## **Cleaning Agents**

If the water/brush/soap technique is not enough, and you plan on using a cleaning agent, please read the manufacturer directions carefully. Most cleaning agents can cause permanent damage to many surfaces. Whenever possible, please first test any cleaning product on a small piece of LANAI. If not possible, test a small area in an inconspicuous spot of the deck.

Note that composite deck cleaners should not be used with LANAI Premium Plank Decking, as these Planks do not contain wood composite materials.

Always work in smaller, manageable sections. Ensure that the area is thoroughly rinsed before moving onto the next section and do not let any type of cleaning agent dry on the Deck Planks.

Avoid cleaning on very hot days or in direct sunlight, as this will cause the surface to dry faster and potentially dry the cleaning agent. If the cleaning agent dries or is not thoroughly rinsed it could cause a white surface film that must be cleaned again. In no circumstance shall cleaners containing ketones or ether, abrasive cleaners, or polish be used.

## **Regular Maintenance Cleaning**

Environmental factors from pollens, grass, dirt, debris, tree/plant resins, and constant moisture can result in an unwanted coating on the Deck Planks. Usual maintenance cleaning is recommended and may be done using only water with a broom or brush, or with a mild (low pH) soap.

## **Brushes**

Using the correct brush is very important as certain types of brushes can cause damage to any decking product. We recommend using a soft nylon bristle deck brush, which can be found at most retail home centers or online.

## **Power Washing**

Power washers should only be used for light cleaning and rinsing.

LANAI recommends a maximum pressure of 1500psi with a fan tip nozzle.

## **Things to Avoid**

Rubber-backed mats, pool toys, tarps, or any non-porous material should be kept off your deck as they may cause discoloration of the Deck Planks. Avoid the use of sunscreen or insect repellent as they may contain certain chemicals that may cause discoloration of the Deck Planks. Avoid the use of metal shovels to remove ice or snow as they can scratch the Deck Planks.