



# **Southern Pine Deck Maintenance Guide**

Thank you for choosing Flatspot  
as your deck provider!

Southern Pine is a strong, beautiful,  
and durable wood that performs well outdoors  
– when properly maintained.

Like all natural wood exposed to the elements,  
it needs regular care to stay looking good  
and functioning at its best.

**This guide will help you maintain  
your Southern Pine deck and extend its life.**

## **Routine Maintenance**

### Clean Regularly

- Sweep often to remove leaves, dirt, and debris that trap moisture.
  - Wash the surface at least once a year (or as needed) with a deck cleaner and a soft brush, or use a pressure washer on **low setting (<1500 PSI)**.
  - Once a year, apply **pool chlorine** before washing to brighten the wood's natural color. Spray it on with a weed sprayer, let it sit for 30 minutes, then rinse with the pressure washer.
  - Clean debris from between boards and around edges to keep air flowing and water draining properly.
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## **Inspect Annually**

- Check for loose boards, popped screws, rot, or other damage.
  - Inspect the leveling system feet for any signs of decay.
  - Tighten loose fasteners and replace damaged boards promptly.
  - Test railings, steps, and support posts to ensure they're secure and stable.
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## **What to Avoid**

- **Do not paint your deck for at least 6 months** — the wood needs time to fully dry and acclimate.
  - Avoid rugs or mats that block airflow, unless under a roofed structure.
  - Move planters, furniture, and grills occasionally to prevent discoloration and moisture damage.
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## **Seasonal Tips**

- **Winter:** Remove snow promptly with a plastic shovel to prevent moisture damage.
  - **Summer:** Look for dry or splintering boards that may need sanding and sealing.
  - After storms, clear away branches, debris, and standing water as soon as possible.
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# Need Help?

If you'd rather leave the upkeep to us, Flatspot offers a full Maintenance Service for as little as **\$20/month** — so you can simply enjoy your deck, worry-free.

We'll clean, inspect, and protect your deck year-round.

**Contact us today to learn more about our maintenance plan!**

## Notes

Pressure-treated Southern Pine is a reliable choice for decks — and with regular care, or with Flatspot by your side, it can serve you beautifully for many years. If you have questions about products, timing, or specific concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to our team.

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