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Maintenance Instructions

After Installation Guidelines

- Do not walk on (or get water on) a newly installed Preferred Deck System for 48 hours (72 hours in the winter months.) Protect the deck surface from all water, moisture, foot traffic and freezing conditions until the product has completely dried and cured.
- Do not place any patio furniture, fixtures, tools or any other heavy objects on the newly installed deck surface for at least 7 days (10 days in the winter months.)
- If the Preferred Deck System is applied on a driveway, do not drive on it for at least 10 days. Cold or rainy conditions may require a longer wait time. Please call us at 888.440.3320 if you have questions.
- Understand that the curing process could be extended if the Preferred Deck System is applied over new concrete, since it takes 28 days for concrete to cure completely under “normal” conditions (which could be longer in cold, wet conditions.) If the Preferred Deck System has been applied over new concrete, do not place heavy objects on the deck and do not scrape or drag items across the deck until after the concrete (and therefore the Preferred Deck System) has completely cured.

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- Periodically clean the deck with a pressure washer or high-power nozzle so that dirt won't get ground into the deck. Preferred Deck All Purpose Deck Cleaner, TSP, and Dawn dishwashing soap are all good choices if a cleanser is required.
- Avoid permanently staining the deck by wiping up spills immediately.
- If contact occurs with pool chemicals, fertilizers, or any other chemicals, remove it immediately.
- For stubborn stain clean up, please call us at 888.44.3320 for details.
- Be aware that Efflorescence (a white powdery film) often occurs with all concrete, which is more prevalent in the winter months. For more information about Efflorescence, please call us at 888.440.3320.