

Decking Maintenance

According to a leading Australian supplier of deck stains, paints and timber oils the following activities are likely to be required with a timber deck every 6 months¹.

Activities

- Sanding
- Loose nails punched in
- Nail holes filled and sanded
- Mould removal
- Cleaning
- (Drying time must be allowed for)
- Paint removal
- Sanding Timber (to improve absorption)
- Finishing: Minimum of 2 coats with 2-24 hours drying time between coats (at minimum 25⁰c and 50% humidity)
 - Decking oil 18 hours
 - Timber colour 2 hours
 - Decking stain 24 hours

Equipment Required

Product	Average Cost
Pad applicator, brush or roller	\$12
Drop sheets to protect paths, plants and furniture	\$6
Turps for clean up	\$4
Sandpaper	\$10
Drum Sander hire (if needed)	\$80
Gloves and safety glasses	\$20

Material: Costs and Coverage

Product	Coverage Per Litre	Approximate cost per litre
Deck Clean	5-10 m ²	\$10
Mould Remover	NA	\$14
Wood Preservative	8 m ²	\$16
Decking Oil	8-10 m ²	\$15
Decking Stain	8-10 m ²	\$18
Paint	16 m ²	\$20

¹ This will vary according to location conditions but can be used as an approximate guide.