

Messmer's Wood and Deck Cleaner and Brightener

(Part A and B) powder concentrates are specially formulated to clean and brighten exterior wood decks, fences, log homes, and other exterior wood projects.

Use Instructions

Materials List

- **Messmer's Wood & Deck Cleaner (Part A) for all woods. Clean up to 500 square feet with one 16 oz jar.**
- **Messmer's Wood & Deck Brightener (Part B) For redwoods and some cedars that require brightening. Brighten up to 500 square feet with one 16 oz jar.**
- **Nylon or fiber brush (no metal brushes) or push broom**
- **Water, hose, plastic buckets, mop**

Do not begin until you have read and understand all instructions. If you have questions, call us toll free at 1-800-731-3669, weekdays 8-5 Mountain time. We recommend doing a small test area on your project to insure your satisfaction with appearance before proceeding with the entire job.

For cleaning only, or for hardwood, pine, or pressure treated wood, use just Wood & Deck Cleaner (Part A):

Sweep excess debris (dirt and leaves) off the deck. Wet the deck surface down with clean water from the hose. Dissolve Wood & Deck Cleaner (Part A) in warm water at the recommended strength.

After waiting for several minutes for product to dissolve and activate, apply with a mop or sprayer. Let the product sit on the deck surface for at least 10 minutes, making sure to keep the deck wet with more product if it begins to dry out.

Scrub the deck boards with the grain of the wood. Rinse thoroughly with clean water. Allow the deck to dry for at least a day or two in good weather before applying any stain or finish.

For cleaning and brightening of redwood and cedar, use both Wood & Deck Cleaner (Part A) and Wood & Deck Brightener (Part B):

Sweep excess debris (dirt and leaves) off the deck. Wet the deck surface down with clean water from the hose. Dissolve Wood & Deck Cleaner (Part A) in warm water at the recommended strength.

After waiting for several minutes for product to dissolve and activate, apply with a mop or sprayer. Let the product sit on the deck surface for at least 10 minutes, making sure to keep the deck wet with more product if it begins to dry out.

Scrub the deck boards with the grain of the wood, then rinse thoroughly with clean water.

Mix Wood and Deck Brightener in warm water according to label directions. Apply to the wet wood previously cleaned by Wood and Deck Cleaner. Allow the Brightener to sit on the surface for 15 minutes, keeping the deck wet with more product if necessary. Rinse thoroughly with clean water. Allow the deck to dry at least a day or two in good weather before applying any stain or finish.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why is it important to clean before applying wood finishes?

A: If you apply UV Plus or other wood finishes to a dirty wood surface, the wood will go dark and dingy. The oils and resins in the stain will entrap the dirt and make it impossible to clean until the product wears away with the top surface of the wood. By cleaning the wood with a good quality wood cleaner like Messmer's Wood and Deck Part A, you are properly preparing the deck or other wood surface for staining with UV Plus.

Q: Are your products hazardous to people and animals or to plants?

A: When used in accordance with label instructions, all of our products are safe to use. As with any cleaning chemicals, keep them out of the reach of children and away from pets. It's always best to wet down the lawn and vegetation area around your project, and rinse thoroughly afterward to dilute any cleaning products you may use. We also suggest covering sensitive plants to minimize contact with any cleaning chemicals.

Q: How do I decide which product(s) to use on my deck?

A: The powder products are the most powerful and the best choice for tough jobs. For redwood and cedar decks, use either the powder cleaner and brightener in that order, or use just the liquid product alone. On some types of wood, the brightener and liquid renewer / brightener are not effective and will not change the look of the wood. Use the powder cleaner alone on hardwood, pressure treated, and pine decks.