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### Five Reasons To Choose Composite Decking *Quick Tips For Homeowners*

Spring is the season when we begin thinking of using our decks. Maybe you're considering a new deck. If so, a composite deck should be high on your list for consideration. In this short article we highlight the main reasons you should consider your next deck to be built of composite materials. Before we get to those, let's first define what we mean by composite.



#### What Is Composite?

Composite decking is a man-made alternative to wood decking. This type of decking typically includes a mix of materials. The materials are made up of recycled wood or plastic and sometimes PVC. In addition, there will be a

bonding agent to hold it all together with colors added. Today's modern composites will look, feel and have the texture of many different types of wood. There are different grades of composites. Some are "capped" with a sealant and will have longer warranties for stain and fade resistance. Now, let's move on to some of the key benefits of composites.

#### Low Maintenance

Because the composite materials come as a finished product, there is no need for paint, stain or sealing. All of this makes the product resistant to mold, moisture penetration and insects.

Depending on the quality of the brand, it may require some cleaning once or twice a year. But, it will not require periodic sealing like an all wood deck.



#### Long Warranties

The typical warranty on a composite deck is around 25 years. Because it is resistant to moisture, insects, rotting, fading and super durable, you have a fabulous product. The warranties will reflect that. So, even though your composite will cost a bit more upfront, the

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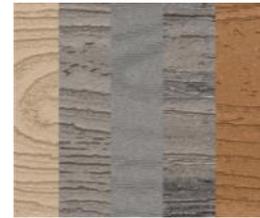
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life expectancy is worth it.

### Choice Of Textures & Colors

The fact that composites are manufactured means that the color and texture can be carefully controlled. For you that means dozens of options to choose from. It also means that colors and textures can be mixed and matched, to create fun and interesting patterns.



The chances are pretty good that you will find colors you like with options that match up well with your home.



### Increased Beauty

Composites are typically installed with fasteners and devices that are hidden to sight. You can't see them. With screws, fasteners and attachment hardware hidden, you will see more of the product. When installed properly and professionally, this will increase the beauty of your deck. When combined with no splinters, twisting or warping the final quality and look of your deck will please you for many years to come.

### Pergolas, Railings, Stairways & More

When it comes to having a beautiful quality deck, the composite component is not limited to the decking. Pergola's, railings, stairways, fences, benches, fascias and porches can all be built from composite materials. What that means is, you end up with a great looking final product that will provide enjoyment for years to come.



### Need Help With Your Next Deck?

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