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Roll Over Spring Cleaning: How to Conduct a Fall Clean-Up for Your Outdoor Living Space

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After a busy summer season on your deck, your outdoor living space might be in need of a fall clean-up. TimberTech®, a trusted, leading manufacturer of composite products, has organized a few helpful tips to keep your deck looking great all year long. Although TimberTech's composite decking, railing and fencing products require less maintenance than traditional treated wood, there is no product that is maintenance-free. Low maintenance decking means your deck will benefit from just a few, basic maintenance projects to prepare for the winter months ahead.

TimberTech's recommended fall maintenance tips include:

Maintaining a clean, dry deck surface is key to longer deck life and enjoyment. Just as you would rake the leaves from the lawn, it is recommended to sweep the leaves, needles and branches from the deck and to remove all smaller debris from between deck boards. Proper drainage is important to avoiding moisture build up. You can also use a deck cleaner and power washer to eliminate build-up. TimberTech recommends using Corte Clean, an eco-friendly product and a power washer with a fan tip nozzle and pressure not exceeding 1500psi. Spray in the direction of the brush/grain pattern to avoid damaging the decking.

Fixtures on the deck are prime gathering spots for dirt and debris. Consider removing planters from the deck for the season or moving them around on a regular basis.

If you reside in a cold weather climate where ice and snow are a factor, use calcium chloride or rock salt to melt the ice and snow. When shoveling snow off of the deck, run the shovel lengthwise on the deck boards. Shoveling cross-wise can scratch or cut into the planks. Consider using a plastic shovel to decrease the possibility scratching.

TimberTech offers a cleaning tips and recommendations to keep your TimberTech deck looking beautiful year-round. To learn more, visit timbertech.com/warrantyandcare.