

## 1. What are the benefits of Severe Weather?

### 2x4, 2x6, 1" Boards, and Deck Boards

- Severe Weather with Ecolife minimizes the effects of weathering such as cracking, checking, and splitting with a built-in wood stabilizer.
- Ecolife is an environmentally advanced preservative, that is a non-metallic, extremely effective wood preservative.
- The amount of water repellent stabilizer in Ecolife is designed for maximum performance and is standardized by the American Wood Preservation Association.
- Ecolife treated wood helps protect against UV and rain exposure and is used in building decks, railings, fence pickets, arbors, trellises, joists and beams.
- Ecolife can be used in direct contact with aluminum products.
- Ecolife treated wood is designed for applications six inches or more off the ground.

### Wides: 2x8, 2x10, 2x12 & Timbers: 4x4, 4x6, 6x6

- Micronized Copper Azole (MCA) is specifically treated to protect wood in contact with soil and moisture, a copper-based preservative.
- MCA is designed for applications six inches or less from the ground and in-ground installations.

## 2. What type of nails or screws do you recommend?

- We recommend hot-dipped galvanized or stainless steel screws that are building code approved, corrosion-resistant fasteners and connectors suitable for use in treated wood.
- For coastal installations, use code-approved stainless steel.

## 3. How do I remove the grade stamp from my deck?

- Light sanding will remove or lighten the grade stamp's appearance.

## 4. How long do I need to wait before I stain or paint my deck or fence?

- Allow treated wood to dry prior to application - typically around 60 days after installation. Test the wood with a few drops of water to see if the wood is dry enough to readily absorb water, then test a small portion of the deck.

## 5. What do you recommend I use to paint or stain my deck?

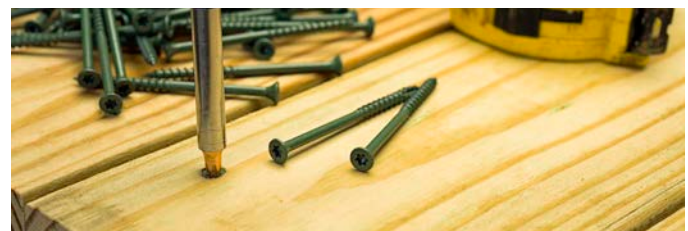
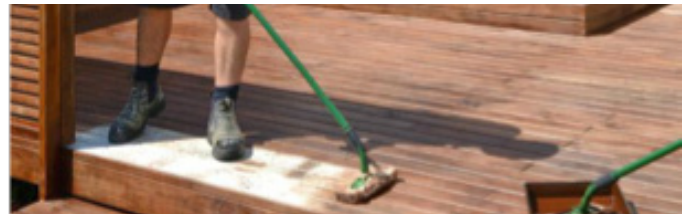
- We recommend a good quality stain, or exterior wood water sealant product with UV protection. Apply a water repellent sealer at least every two years.

## 6. Installation Tips

- Butt boards tightly together during installation as they will shrink slightly in width and thickness as they dry out.
- Pre-drill holes about 3/4" from the edges of boards to help prevent splitting.
- Use screws to improve holding performance.
- Install fasteners flush to the wood surface. Do not overdrive fastener.
- For ground contact support posts, install the un-cut ends in the ground.

## 7. What do you recommend I use to clean my deck

- Check with your local Lowe's store for recommended solutions.



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