

HOW TO STRIP A DECK

Olympic® Stain Stripper will remove oil and latex deck coatings, solid and semi-transparent stains, varnishes, polyurethanes and water sealers. Stain Stripper will also clean the surface to remove graying and stains caused by mold, mildew and water.

1. Make sure that the wood surface is dry and will remain around 50°F for the duration of the project before applying *Olympic* Stain Stripper.
2. Start by removing all furniture and household items from the area and cover any delicate vegetation and surrounding areas to avoid damage.
3. Remove dirt and debris from the wood surface with a push broom.
4. Apply Stain Stripper with a nylon brush or roller.
5. Only apply Stain Stripper to areas where you want the coating to be removed.
6. Wait five to 45 minutes for the Stain Stripper to dissolve coating, but do not allow it to dry.
7. Typically, old coatings will rinse off when ready. (However, stubborn coatings or porous, damaged wood, may require scrubbing with a stiff bristle brush or scraping. Work in the direction of the wood grain to minimize grain raising.)
8. Rinse wood thoroughly with water from a garden hose or power washer at a setting of no higher than 500-1200 psi. If pressure-washing, be sure to keep the tip 9 to 12 inches away from the wood to avoid gouging. Improper pressure washing can cause more damage than years of environmental exposure.
9. Allow 24 hours for the area to dry.
10. Once dry, lightly sand entire surface to prepare it for staining with 120 or 150 grit sandpaper.



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