



# Water Repellent Treated Decking with SEVERE WEATHER® PROTECTION

Longer-lasting natural beauty with less maintenance



**Lowe's Top Choice® Premium and Standard decking with Severe Weather® protection eliminates the cost and time spent painting, staining or finishing for up to 3 yrs. after installation.**

Using the Ecolife™ (EL2) wood stabilizing and preservative system, Severe Weather® is driven deep into the wood, protecting and minimizing the effects of weathering. The result? Cracking, checking and splitting is reduced by up to 50%.

## Severe Weather® protection Saves money and reduces maintenance

- Factory built-in water repellent lasts up to 3 yrs.
- Treated wood is the most economical decking option
- Reduces cracking, checking and splitting by up to 50%
- Lifetime limited warranty



## A Great Looking Deck Starts With Quality Wood

Lowe's Top Choice® Premium and Standard decking uses a preservative system standardized by the AWPA; American Wood Protection Association. The Ecolife™ (EL2) wood stabilizing and preservative system is also certified as a "Green Approved Product" by NAHB® Research Center, and Building Code approved for use in decking and aboveground applications.



**AWPA U1**  
Standardized Treated Wood

Look for the  
Check Mark of Quality  
on End Tags

Treated Lumber that meets  
stringent industry standards



Ecolife™ is a Green Approved Product listed by the NAHB® Research Center and is eligible to earn points towards Green Certification under the National Green Building Standard.™

Visit [Lowe's.com](http://Lowe's.com) for more information

about Top Choice® and Severe Weather® Protection and the terms and conditions of the Lifetime Limited Warranty.

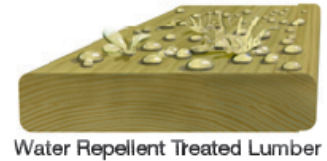
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## Top Choice® Premium Decking with Severe Weather® protection

is the highest grade available in 5/4 radius edge decking. Premium decking contains very few defects, and is recommended where the smallest knots are desired and appearance is of utmost importance.

## Standard Decking with Severe Weather® protection

in a 5/4 radius edge thickness is a grade between #1 & #2 for 5/4 decking. Boards in a Standard grade may contain knots, holes, splits -- and exposed bark on some edges and corners.



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## Simple Tips for Installing Pressure Treated Wood Decking



- 1. Butt Boards Tightly:** Because treated wood is often still damp when it is delivered, it is important to butt deck boards tightly together during installation as they will shrink slightly in width and length as they dry out.
- 2. Drill Pilot Holes:** Drill pilot holes to minimize splitting when nailing near the edge or end of a board.
- 3. Fasteners:** Hot-dipped galvanized, stainless steel or building code-approved fasteners are recommended for all exterior wood.



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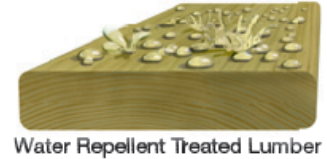
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## Low Maintenance with Great Appearance

To keep your deck looking its best, clean periodically and apply a quality oil or water based stain that is UV and water-repellent. Over time, a brush-on repellent is recommended. With a little maintenance, your wood deck will provide decades of enjoyment.

Top Choice® and Lowe's® Standard pressure-treated decking with Severe Weather® protection can be finished after an initial drying period with an oil or water based stain (4-6 weeks after installation). Always follow the manufacturer's recommendations on paint and stain applications. Left unstained, wood decking will fade to a gray appearance.



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