## style**selections**

## Care and Cleaning Guide

This Care and Cleaning Guide only applies to the Natural Brown and Natural Grey colors of Style Selections<sup>™</sup> decking.

All exterior building materials require cleaning. Generally, soap and water is all that is required to clean Style Selections products. For further information, see below.

| Problem   | Solution  |
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| Dirt and Debris   | The affected area should be sprayed off with a hose to remove surface debris. Use warm soapy water and a soft bristle brush to remove dirt and debris from the embossing pattern.   |
| Chalk Lines   | High permanence chalk lines may discolor the surface. Use only Irwin Strait-Line®* Dust-Off Marking Chalk (purple).   |
| Tannins Due to Debris   | Remove all debris from the deck using a hose or broom. Once the deck surface is dry, apply a deck "brightener"** to the deck as directed by the manufacturer. Deck brighteners contain oxalic acid, which will also remove tannins.   |
| Ice and Snow  | A plastic shovel may be used to remove snow from the deck. Use calcium chloride or rock salt to melt the snow and ice from the deck surface.  |
| Oil, Grease and Food  | All food spills should be removed as soon as possible. The surface must be cleaned within seven days to maintain the stain warranty. To remove, spray off with a hose and use warm, soapy water and a soft bristle brush to remove spills from the embossing pattern.   |
| Mold and Mildew   | If debris such as pollen and dirt is allowed to remain on the deck surface, mold can feed on the biofilm. Using a hose and warm, soapy water with a soft bristle brush is recommended to remove the food source and mold.   |
| Using a Pressure Washer<br>(Concrete, Stucco or Ground-in<br>Construction Dirt) | A pressure washer with <b>no greater</b> than 3100 psi*** that has a fan attachment/adjustment and soap dispenser may be used to remove dirt, concrete dust, or other types of construction dirt. Spray deck with soap, then follow with gently scrubbing each deck board with a soft bristle brush. Spray/rinse each individual deck board using a fan tip no closer than 8" from the decking surface. <b>RINSE THOROUGHLY</b> . If dirty water from cleaning is left to dry, this will cause a film to remain on the decking surface. |

<sup>\*</sup>Strait-Line® is a registered trademark of Irwin Industrial Tool Company.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Use of products containing bleach or acid will lighten the surface of Style Selections. Use in an inconspicuous area to determine whether you like the effect. Neither product will affect the structural integrity of Style Selections.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>Use of a pressure washer greater than 3100 psi could damage the boards and void the warranty.