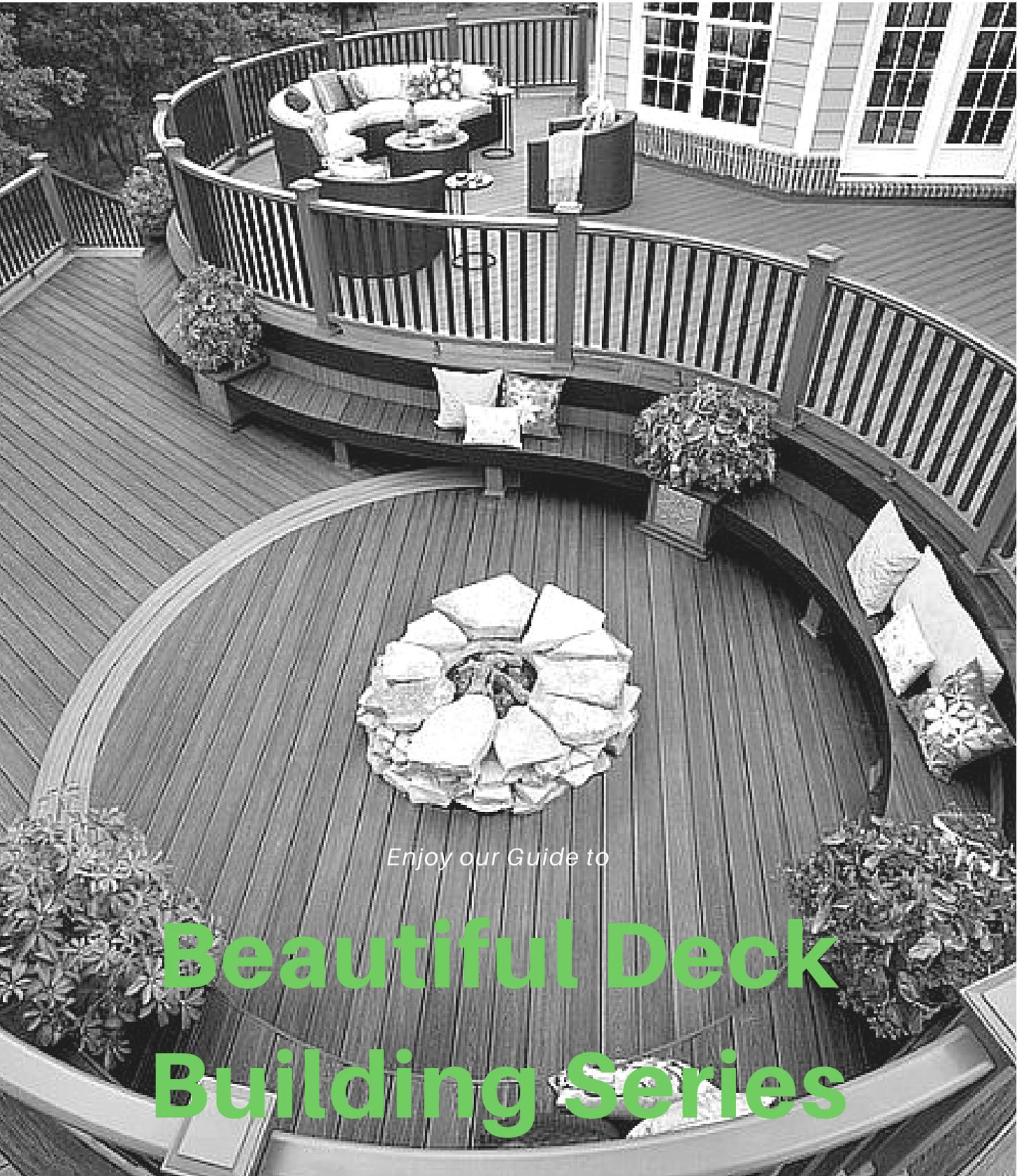


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Deck Building Materials



Pressure Treated Lumber

Treated with chemicals to repel insects and water, Southern pine or fir is the most common and least expensive type of decking. Although pressure-treated wood requires yearly washing, sanding, and sealing when finished with a clear sealant, it will last up to 30 years if maintained properly.

Cost: Approximately \$3.35 psf, uninstalled*

Naturally Durable

Tropical hardwoods, such as ipe, ironwood, and balau, are beautiful, dense, and long-lived, but can be expensive. Below are a few of the advantages and disadvantages of naturally durable wood choices:

Pros:

Repels bugs, Resists decay, Prevents the spread of fire
Lasts 20-30 years with yearly washing and regular sealing

Cons:

Soft and prone to marring and denting
Two to five times pricier than pressure-treated lumber

Cost: \$6.50 per square foot, uninstalled.*



Composite Decking

Made with recycled materials like wood waste and plastic sacks, composite decking requires minimal maintenance, doesn't need to be sanded or painted, and is generally weather-resistant. It also comes in a variety of colors and styles. However, some composite deck materials can be slippery and prone to mildew, and might require special fasteners.

Cost: \$11.28 - \$45.50 per square foot, uninstalled.*

Synthetic Lumber

Looking for a deck that will last a lifetime with no staining and sealing? Synthetic lumber is your answer. Made from materials such as vinyl, polystyrene, or cellular polyvinyl chloride (PVC), synthetic lumber includes options for slip-resistant designs and smart drainage systems so that the area under your deck stays dry no matter the weather.

Cost: \$7.50 per square foot, uninstalled.*



Aluminum Decking

For a seriously low-maintenance deck, look to aluminum. The durable material doesn't try to look anything like wood and can be interlocked to prevent rain from dripping through.

Cost: \$8.98 - \$12.98 per square foot, uninstalled.*

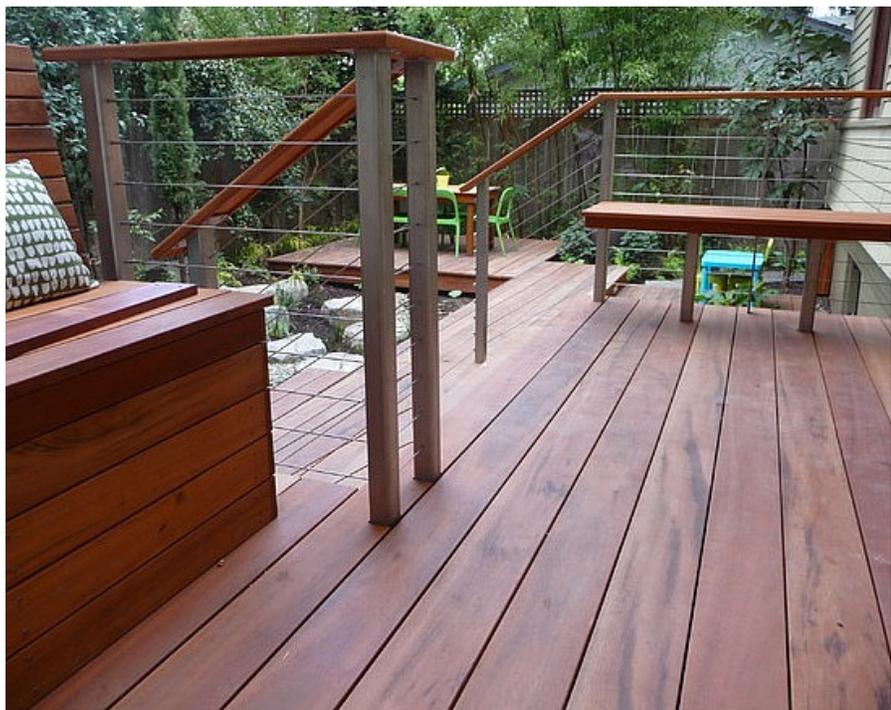
Sustainable Decking

Go green with these three great options for sustainable deck-building materials.

Reclaimed Wood: Second-hand wood decking gains new life when reused and tends to have beautiful grain.

Ipe Wood: This attractive wood is strong, naturally water-resistant, and a stylish substitute for typical redwood or teak decking.

Recycled Composite: This alternative decking material prevents waste from going to the landfill. Ensure it is more than 50 percent recycled before purchasing.



Outdoor Grilling Stations

Grilling Stations come in all shapes and sizes. Proper planning for your new deck will ensure you have the necessary utilities to create a great entertaining space for many years.

Some areas to consider for your grilling station include:

- **Local Codes**
- **Electric Outlets**
- **Gas line for grill**
- **Water lines for outdoor sink**

We find people building beautiful decks, without planning their cooking areas, leaving the design in an awkward position that may underutilize space, or create unnecessary clutter.



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Bug Control

With the West Nile Virus creeping into our backyards, bug control is becoming more and more important. There are many ways to control outdoor pests, including:

Professional Spray Services

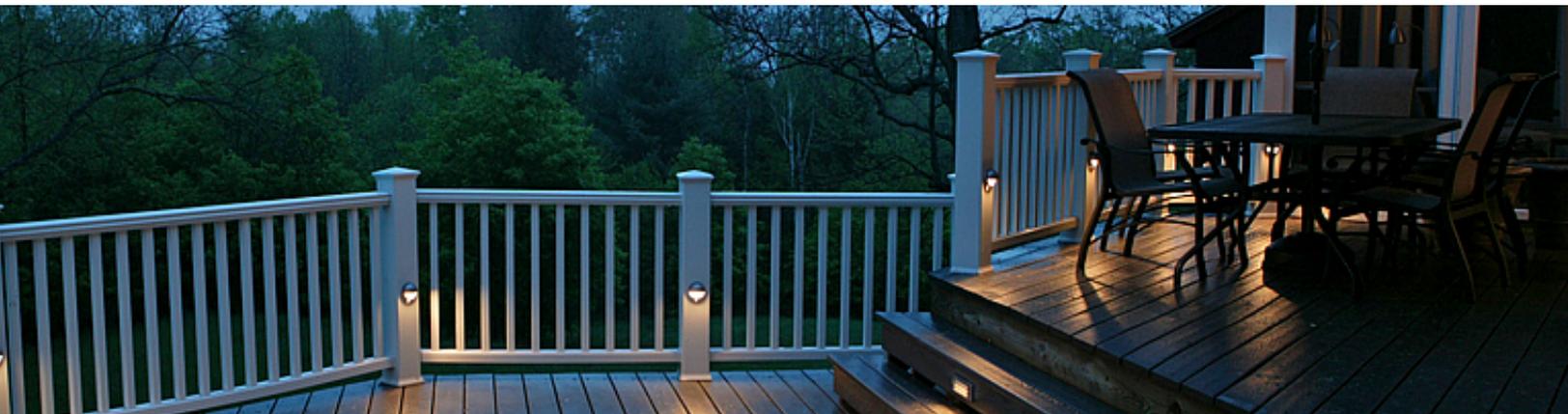
Bug Control Devices

Mosquito Repelling Plants- (Citronella Grass, Catmint, Rosemary, Basil, Lavendar, Geraniums)

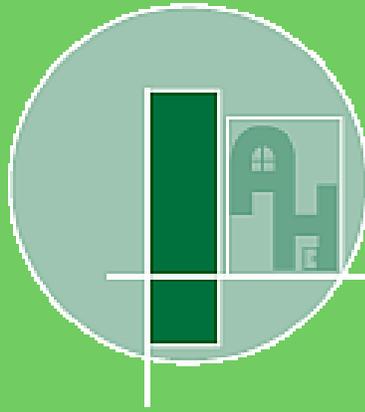


Lighting

Lighting comes in all shapes and sizes. Some items to consider regarding the lighting for your deck project include solar versus hard wired, spacing, waterproofing, and lighting type (LED is preferred). Ensuring your wiring is concealed from the weather will ensure you enjoy your lighting for the life of your deck. Take the extra time to plan your electrical needs so you don't suffer from dark zones in your outdoor entertaining area.



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