

# Port Orford

White Cedar  
Schooner Brand™ Decking

## CARE & FINISH

**STAIN.** If deck boards have not been prestained (see Installation Tips), apply a protective oil-based stain as soon as possible. Make sure the stain contains:

1. **UV protection**
2. **Water-repellent preservative**
3. **Mildewcide**

A stain with some pigment will be more effective than clear. Recommended stain is Penofin®, either Exotic Hardwood formula or the Ultra Premium red label transparent tones. Always follow instructions on the can of stain. Do not use solid dark stains or paint.

**KEEP CLEAN.** Remove dirt on a regular basis with a commercial deck wash or a household recipe of 1 quart bleach, 3 quarts warm water, 2/3 cup TSP, 1/3 cup detergent\*. **NO AMMONIA.** Sand lightly if wood fibers are raised.

**REFINISH.** Refinish a clean deck on the schedule recommended by the stain manufacturer.

If deck is built in the fall or winter and cannot be stained immediately due to temperatures, plan to clean and finish the deck as soon as possible in the spring.

*\*A bleach formula is recommended when mildew or algae is detected. Take care to cover and protect adjacent vegetation during use.*



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## Installation Tips

### STORAGE:



Keep dry by placing blocks under lumber for ventilation. Do not store directly on the ground. Cover with tarp.

### PROTECT:



For maximum performance, pre-stain deck boards and railing components on all sides prior to installation. Recommended stain is Penofin®. Seal all end cuts.

### SITE PREPARATION:



Clear rocks and debris from site. Grade site for proper drainage. Remove vegetation and lay down landscape paper or poly. Maintain sufficient air flow under deck.

### SPACE:



Leave at least a 1/8" gap between deck boards.

### PREDRILL:



Predrill at ends to avoid splitting.

