

<b>Dates Inspected:</b>						<b>Inspected by:</b>

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### Deck - Wooden

*These instructions are to be used as a guide to help you maintain your home or office in a safe and efficient manner. They do not replace the requirements of the manufacturer. You should ALWAYS review your owner's manual for additional preventive maintenance requirements.*

This inspection is designed to extend the life of your deck.

1. Clean your deck using a broom or blower to remove leaves, dirt, and debris that may hold moisture and cause your wood to rot. This action will prepare the deck for inspection.
2. Inspect deck supports from the ground to the deck. If bolts or screws are loose, tighten or replace them as necessary.
3. Visually inspect each board and each board's fasteners (screws or nails) and replace the fasteners as needed.
4. If a board looks like it may be damaged, poke it with a screwdriver and if the screwdriver penetrates the wood easily and wood fibers begin to flake off, replace the board. Remove and replace all boards that show signs of rot.
5. Inspect railings by visually inspecting the fasteners, remove and replace fasteners as required.
6. Inspect hand rails. Hand rails should be smooth, sand if needed to prevent roughness leading to splinters.
7. If potted plants are kept on the deck, move the pots and inspect under them for signs of wood rot. To prevent wood rot under plants, place the plants on legs of some kind (found at garden and home centers) to allow air to circulate under each pot.
8. Inspect the porch for mold. Mold leads to rot and therefore it should be removed when detected.

The Maintenance Guru says take your time and do a thorough inspection. Ask if you have questions!