

<b>Date Inspected:</b>	<b>Frequency: Semi-Annual</b>	<b>Inspected by:</b>
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### Boat Dock

*These instructions are to be used as a guide to help you maintain your facility 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 boat dock and is conducted above the water. Under water inspections are recommended but are often best suited for professionals. Under water inspections follow the same guidelines as listed here but are conducted from under the water.

1. Clean your dock 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 dock supports and cross supports from the ground and water to the dock. If fasteners such as nails, 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 slivers.
7. If potted plants, dock boxes, or anything that holds water between the item and the dock are kept on the dock, move them and inspect under them for signs of wood rot. To prevent wood rot place items on legs when possible.
8. Inspect the entire dock for mold and moss above the water line. Mold and moss leads to rot and therefore they should be removed when detected. Pressure washers are a good way to remove both. Bleach and other chemicals can harm marine life and are not recommended as cleaning agents.
9. Check the lights on your dock by turning them on and replacing bulbs when needed. Also check the conduit and fasteners securing the electricity to each light or outlet.
10. Inspect electrical outlets to make sure the water proof covers are installed and in good working condition.
11. If fresh water is available at the dock, inspect the pipes and fasteners to identify problems. Hose bibs should be securely fastened to the dock. Check for water drips and replace hose bib if necessary.

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