

DECK STAINING

After discussions with several paint companies and deck experts, the ARC is recommending the following process for our decks to ensure the long-term life of our decks.

- For a deck that is not compliant with the approved deck color, old stain should be stripped using Wolman Deck Strip, Stain & Finish Remover.
- Then, the deck should be cleaned using Wolman All Exterior Wood Deck & Fence Brightener, which should be removed by power washing the deck.
- After cleaning, the deck should be allowed to dry for two days before the stain is applied.
- This process should ensure that the surface is ready to accept the new stain. An oil-based stain was selected so that it would penetrate the wood and relieve some of the dryness.
- Finally, the deck should be stained using **BEHR, Premium Semi-Transparent Deck, Fence & Siding Weatherproofing Wood Stain** Pre-mixed Colors Available in Select Markets; you can ask them to mix this for you. Color: Cedar Naturaltone No. 5533 - MSDS
- For the best protection and for a finish that will last the longest period the stain should be applied using a hand brush/roller. This technique will provide much better coverage than being sprayed on.
- This process is guaranteed for 2 years. What my research has shown is that no product is going to last for more than 2 years and keep the decks water proof and UV protected to minimize the sun's drying effects on the wood.