

All decked out with a backyard to enjoy

Family barbeques, intimate outdoor soirées and al fresco dining are all part of the Canadian summer experience. If your deck isn't up to standards, the experts at The Home Depot Canada have a few easy and inexpensive renew and redo DIY projects for transforming your outdoor space.



The Annual Spruce Up

To keep your deck in tip top shape, it should be maintained on a yearly basis. It's as simple as sweeping it, using a stiff bristle brush to remove any dirt and refreshing the surface by applying a deck brightener such as Thompson's Waterseal Deck Cleaner and Brightener. As always be sure follow the directions of the product carefully before applying. Lastly, just give it a quick power wash to remove any leftover brightener and residue.

Simple Repairs

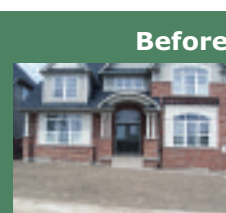
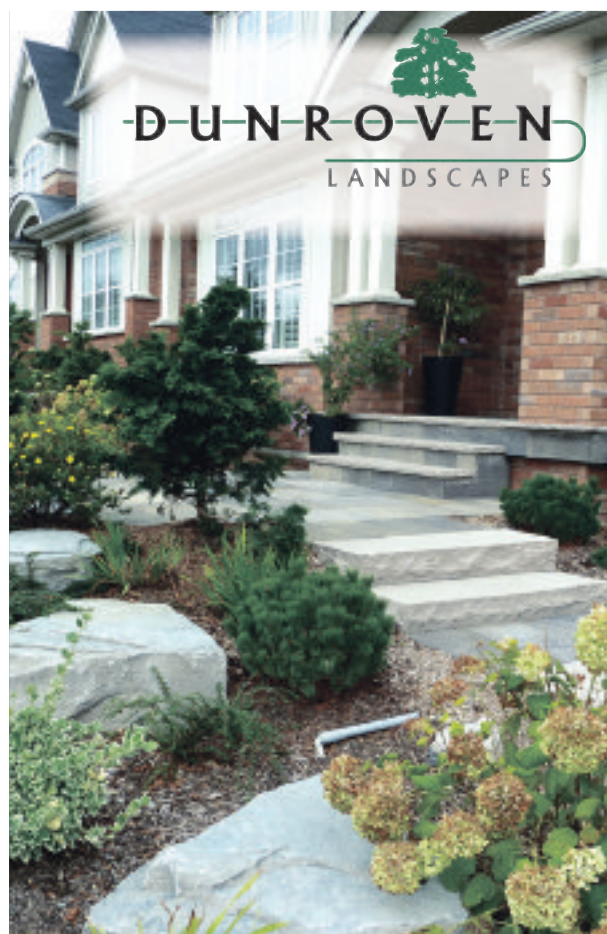
Tackle repairs as soon as any damage is spotted to prevent further and more costly damage. This means regularly inspecting your deck—especially those made of natural wood by looking for popped nails and loose railings or boards that need to be replaced.

Out with the Old

An older deck, especially one included in a home purchase, may have more deep rooted problems that need to be tackled. If the deck has moisture damage or rot in deck framing it is most likely time to look into a new deck. One deteriorating joist or post usually indicates that more will soon follow. Check out The Home Depot's Deck Design Pre-Planner. This lets you put together a draft layout of what you want. You can then book an appointment with a store associate who will provide you with a full 3D drawing of the deck including all the materials and costs for constructing it.

For more information on how to get your deck ready visit: homedepot.ca/deckandfence

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