

### ***Why Do I have Mould Growing on my Composite Decking?***

Mould growth is normally a result of a poor cleaning regime, consistently damp conditions or an area shaded under trees. Most of the mould you first see on the composite decking is in-fact growing on surface dirt. Once mould has established itself it will continue growing and attach itself to the decking surface, if you keep the composite surface clean you should not have any issues with mould growth.

For mould / fungus to grow on the surface of Composite Decking it requires a number of elements. These include

- Food, this can be anything from an accumulation of dirt, leaf mould or any organic material build up (commonly referred to as 'bio-film').
- Shade, from trees, garden furniture or surrounding buildings, etc.
- Moisture, the decking is in such a position that moisture stays on the surface for prolonged periods of time or situated in a damp area (woodland, or by a river/pond).

Combine any of these elements and you have the perfect habitat for mould/fungal growth.

### ***How do I Remove the Mould and Stop it Re-Occurring?***

It is vital that you treat the whole deck area as soon as you spot the mould. Start by thoroughly covering the area with 'Simply Gone' (available from Ecodek), it is a very easy to apply and environmentally friendly product that you just spray on and leave to work. (Read our separate instruction leaflet that deals specifically with the application of 'Simply Gone'.) Leave the area for 6-8 weeks and then thoroughly clean the area with a proprietary deck cleaner such as 'Liberon Tough Deck Clean & Revive' (also available from Ecodek and all good garden centres), please refer to our care & maintenance leaflet for more detailed information on cleaning. Once the area has been thoroughly cleaned, apply another treatment of 'Simply Gone' and then repeat that application annually thereafter.

Mould/fungus can easily be removed from the surface of your decking by regularly pressure washing or soaking and brushing the surface clean. While this will remove the mould/fungus from the decking surface, it will not prevent the spores from re-infecting the deck...

It should be noted that while "Simple Gone" will clear the decking mould/fungal growth and eradicate the fungal spores. ***It should not be treated as an alternative to a regular cleaning routine!***

If you have any issues or would like more information regarding "Simply Gone." Please contact Russ Williams and he will answer any questions you may have. Please see contact details below.