



# Thompson's WaterSeal<sup>®</sup>

## Caring for Your Deck

*After applying a waterproofer or exterior stain, it's important to properly maintain your deck. Regular deck care will extend the life of your deck, so your family can enjoy it for years to come.*

### **Follow these simple tasks to keep your deck looking great:**

- Perform the 'splash test' once per year (sprinkle water on various sections; if water absorbs and darkens the color of the surface within 5 seconds, surface is porous and needs to be treated)
- Sweep and wash deck regularly to minimize dirt and debris build up
- Keep the gaps between the deck's floorboards free of accumulated rubbish
- Trim nearby bushes and trees to help reduce mildew
- Occasionally shift planters, tables and chairs to avoid discoloring your deck

