Helpful Guideline and Best Practices in Hardwood Deck Installation

Keys to building a successful hardwood deck

The recovering economy and continued interest in outdoor spaces means booming business for deck builders and suppliers alike. When your customer is looking to build a deck once and enjoy it for 30+ years without replacing deck boards, that rules out nearly all softwoods and composite decking products. Give your customer the longevity they desire by offering WalkGreen’s™ brand of exotic hardwood decking, one of the most durable and rot resistant exotic hardwood decking lines available.

The species of hardwood decking material you choose will be based on the look and usage of the desired deck and whatever other criteria that is important to your customer. WalkGreen™ offers a variety of species (Cumaru, Garapa, Angelyn and Tigerwood) to meet your project needs and decking budget. Following our helpful guidelines and following best practices in deck installation can help ensure your hardwood decking installation goes as planned, and also ensures your decking will last.
Attached you will find 2 handouts. One is a Sales and Installations publication intended to explain the how and why's of hardwood decking and how they will react under specific conditions. The second flyer is Installation Suggestions and intended for you to utilize as a handout to your customer, prior to the sale or installation of WalkGreen™ hardwood decking.

First and foremost, moisture is the primary source of problems in decking installations. Keeping this in mind, and for optimal performance, please utilize the attached publications to educate your customer in key areas of decking design and installation.

Apply Best Practices in Hardwood Deck Installation

- A deck needs to breathe! Adequate airflow and ventilation is one of the most important issues to address in the initial design of a deck.
- Ground clearance, adequate drainage and moisture barriers
- The right size and specie for the right project
- Acclimatization prior to installation
- End Sealing any new cuts
- Adequate expansion gap between the boards
- Fastening systems
- Finishing & maintenance

We can keep Mother Nature at bay and sell more hardwood decking effectively through education and by applying the essential tools and techniques that will assist in alleviating the issues that contribute to deck complaints and failures.

Your WalkGreen™ sales specialist is always available to assist you in selecting the right specie, size and length assortment for your particular project. Please contact Tess Lindsey with any questions, concerns or suggestions at 530-410-5845, or by email tess@walkgreenproducts.com