

## Protecting Our Decks at The Preserve

Below are guide lines for protecting and extending the life of the deck attached to your condo. Please keep in mind these decks are all owned and maintained by The Preserve Trust, they are considered common space. Everyone's effort saves The Preserve costly repairs.

1. **Don't trap dirt and or water:** If you have flower or vegetable planters or anything that traps moisture and dirt please move them around every several weeks so the dirt and moisture doesn't rot the wood deck. Or better use planters that are raised from the railings or planter caddies that keep the pots from sitting directly on the deck or railing.
2. **No mats or rugs:** should be placed on the decks. They will trap moisture and harm the decks.
3. **Catch your grease:** If you have your grill on the deck. First make sure it is not near the building. Also make sure your grill has a grease catcher. Grease stains on the deck are very difficult to clean and a fire hazard.
4. **Sweep it up:** Sweep your deck with a soft bristle broom. Do not use any metal or hard tools. Leaves, dirt and other debris can stain the deck and will shorten the deck's lifetime.
5. **Shovel it off:** When there's snowfall, shovel the snow off the deck. This will extend the deck's life. Also it will ensure an emergency exit if ever needed.

**Remember we all own these decks - please treat them well.**