

STORAGE:

- 1. **KEEP IT COVERED.** All decking materials will fade over time with exposure to the sun. Keep planks covered in the yard and on the job site to avoid premature fading or, worse, uneven weathering across multiple planks. This will also prevent tannin stains from plant debris in the yard.
- 2. **KEEP IT CLEAN.** Decking that's dry and debris-free will stay looking newer, longer. When storing, keep ChoiceDek® boards covered and off the ground so that they stay clean and free of moisture.
- 3. **KEEP IT FLAT.** ChoiceDek should always be stacked on a flat surface, not racks. When storing ChoiceDek at a jobsite or in a yard for an extended period of time, be sure to place materials on a flat surface to prevent deck boards from bending and conforming to uneven ground.
- 4. **KEEP IT SAFE.** Do not store near strong oxidizing agents or combustible material and do not burn in a fireplace or use as firewood.

HANDLING:

- 1. **HANDLE WITH HELP.** Long boards are heavy and may flex more in warmer temperatures, so carrying planks should be a two-person job.
- 2. **STACK TOGETHER.** When possible stack same lengths of material together. If stacking different lengths on the same stack, place the longest length on bottom and work toward shortest length at the top.
- 3. **DON'T STACK IT TALL.** Only stack ChoiceDek products 20 units high. Although, it may be possible to stack 25 units, it is not recommended because the stack become unstable.
- 4. **PRACTICE GOOD FORKLIFT TECHNIQUES.** Avoid carrying materials against the very back of the lift; a few inches off of the back should help prevent damage. Use caution when maneuvering around stacks to avoid striking the material.
- 5. **MOVE IN MULTIPLES.** Spread forks as wide as possible and pick up units in multiples to prevent sagging. Be sure to check your forklift's weight capacity to ensure safe travel.



