

Warrior Built Company Advises Pre-Winter Drainage and Connection Checks for Deck Maintenance

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A Pacific storm could bring wetter, cooler weather to Utah from the end of the week into early November, according to the National Weather Service's late October 27 forecast discussion. The forecast does not say how much rain will reach any one Murray home. It does give deck owners a reason to check where water goes before colder weather makes damp spots harder to spot. Warrior Built Company, a Murray deck builder that lists maintenance and repair among its services, works on the kinds of decks and drainage details that warrant that check.

Leaves often collect between boards and along the side of a house. After rain, that debris can keep water against a deck longer than an open surface would. A homeowner can begin by clearing loose material and watching where water travels. A damp patch does not automatically mean the deck needs a new surface, but a spot that stays wet should not be ignored.

The walking surface, stairs, and railing are the next places to look. A loose rail or shifting step is a reason to

keep people away from that area until it is checked. Soft wood, stains, and rust around fasteners also merit a closer look. These signs do not reveal the full condition of the frame underneath. Owners should not try to test a suspect deck by loading it with people or heavy items.

On an attached deck, the connection to the house is especially important. The North American Deck and Railing Association describes the ledger, which connects many decks to a home, as a key part of a safety inspection. Its guidance calls for checking decay, loose or rusted fasteners, and flashing that may let water through. Someone looking from above may see staining or a gap, but cannot judge the strength of a hidden connection from the deck boards alone.

Below the deck, water may gather where a downspout empties, where leaves block a drainage route, or where the ground slopes toward the house. Those conditions differ from yard to yard. Moving runoff without looking at the whole site might simply shift the problem. Water collecting by a support or entering the home deserves a closer assessment, not a promise that sweeping the boards will fix it.

Cleaning and structural repair solve different problems. Clearing debris may let a surface dry more readily. A wood finish may need attention as well. Neither step repairs a loose connection or weakened post, and composite decking has its own product-specific care instructions. Warrior Built Company's Murray maintenance page describes cleaning, drainage checks, and wood deck sealing. Its repair page addresses boards and parts beneath them. The scope of any work should follow an inspection of the actual deck, rather than a general winter checklist.

Some decks need more than maintenance. Replacing worn boards, repairing part of a frame, and rebuilding a deck with a different footprint are separate projects. A contractor can document what is visible, explain what still needs to be examined, and put proposed work in writing. If the project changes the structure, homeowners should confirm any applicable permit requirements with the city. A storm forecast is not a change to building rules.

The National Weather Service may revise its forecast, and rainfall will vary across the region. Warrior Built Company recommends starting with the basics: check how the deck drains, clear accessible debris, and have uncertain structural conditions assessed before continued use. This approach allows homeowners to consider a repair or a larger project based on what the inspection reveals. For Murray homeowners, the condition of the individual deck matters more than the possibility of a storm elsewhere in the region.

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