

Decked Out Construction Earns Deckorators Certified Elite Status

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Decked Out Construction, a locally owned deck and outdoor living builder serving the south metropolitan area of the Twin Cities, has achieved Deckorators Certified Elite status, the top tier of the manufacturer's contractor program, and holds a TimberTech Silver registered contractor designation. The recognition qualifies the company's Deckorators installations for the manufacturer's strongest material warranty coverage.

Deckorators Certified Elite is awarded on the basis of installation volume, build quality, growth, and partnership within a given market, and represents the highest recognition level in the Deckorators Certified Pro program. The TimberTech designation places the company within the manufacturer's registered contractor program, which is organized into tiers and reserved for builders trained on the manufacturer's systems. For homeowners, both designations connect a completed deck to extended manufacturer warranty coverage that is available only through certified contractors, and to build practices reviewed by the manufacturers themselves.

The company, founded by co-owners Christoph Tisdale and Cooper Soulak, builds custom composite and PVC decks and complete outdoor living spaces designed for Minnesota conditions, where freeze-thaw cycles, heavy snow, and humid summers place sustained demands on outdoor structures. Composite decking from manufacturers including TimberTech by AZEK, Trex, and Deckorators is used for its resistance to warping, fading, and moisture over repeated seasons.

"Earning Deckorators Certified Elite reflects the volume and quality of work our crews have put in across the south metro, and it directly benefits the homeowner through stronger warranty coverage," said Cooper Soulak, co-owner of Decked Out Construction. "The certification is something a homeowner can verify, which matters in a market with many contractors to choose from."

Tisdale and Soulak began working together in the trade before founding the company, and they divide its operations between them. Tisdale leads sales and client relationships, guiding homeowners from the first estimate through the final walkthrough, while Soulak manages project scheduling, sequencing, and quality control on each build. The company holds Minnesota Residential Building Contractor License BC807198 and an A+ rating from the Better Business Bureau.

Each project begins with a design consultation and three-dimensional modeling before construction, allowing homeowners to review the plan and material selections in advance. That planning stage also accounts for local building requirements, which the company handles as part of every project. Because Dakota County falls within Minnesota's southern frost zone under the state building code, deck footings must extend at least 42 inches below grade, a depth intended to place the foundation beneath the line to which the ground freezes in winter.

Foundations are set on helical piers or concrete footings chosen for the soil and load conditions at a given site, and decks are framed in steel, aluminum, or pressure-treated lumber, with steel systems from Fortress Building Products among the materials used for added strength and longer spans. Setting footings below the frost line guards against frost heave, the seasonal lifting that occurs when saturated soil freezes and expands, which can shift an under-supported deck and pull it away from the house over successive winters.

Beyond decks, the company designs and builds pergolas, covered and screened porches, three-season rooms, patios, privacy screens and walls, and under-deck drainage systems that turn the space beneath a raised deck into a dry, usable area. Additional outdoor living features include outdoor kitchens, firepits, fireplaces, and built-in seating. Projects are planned so that individual features connect into a single cohesive design rather than a series of separate additions, and railing is installed in composite, aluminum, glass, and cable configurations to meet code height requirements while preserving sightlines.

"Our aim is to treat a backyard as an extension of the home rather than a standalone project," said Christoph Tisdale, co-owner of Decked Out Construction. "The certification and the warranties behind it give homeowners a clear, verifiable standard to hold the work to."

Completed work is backed by a two-year workmanship warranty and a ten-year structural warranty, alongside manufacturer material warranties on qualifying products. Decked Out Construction serves Lakeville and the surrounding south metro communities, including Apple Valley, Eagan, Burnsville, Rosemount, and Farmington. For more information, visit www.deckedoutconstruction.co.

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Decked Out Construction is a locally owned deck builder headquartered in Lakeville, Minnesota. Co-founders Christoph Tisdale and Cooper Soulak personally lead every project from design through final walkthrough

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