

OE Decks & Outdoor Living Earns TimberTech and Deckorators Certifications

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OE Decks & Outdoor Living, a veteran-owned and family-owned custom deck builder owned by Ryan Rust, has earned advanced contractor certifications from two decking manufacturers, TimberTech and Deckorators, marking a formal recognition of the company's installation standards. The company now holds TimberTech Platinum Pro status, the highest level in TimberTech's contractor program, along with Deckorators Certified Elite standing.

Manufacturer certifications at this level are granted to contractors who meet specific training and installation requirements set by each brand, and they are tied to enhanced product and labor warranty options for homeowners. For OE Decks & Outdoor Living, the credentials formalize a working relationship with product lines the company already installs across its custom deck projects in the Waynesville area.

The certifications sit within a broader custom deck design and build process that OE Decks & Outdoor Living carries out for each homeowner, from the first conversation through the finished structure. Every project begins with a design consultation, during which the homeowner discusses the property layout and the intended use of the space. The company then develops three-dimensional deck models that show how the finished deck will look and sit on the property before construction begins.

That planning step supports a range of deck styles, including platform, raised, multi-level, freestanding, pool, curved, cantilevered, rooftop, screened, and covered designs. The company builds across all of these layouts, giving homeowners options during the planning phase rather than a single standard configuration.

Material selection follows the design phase. OE Decks & Outdoor Living builds with composite and PVC options from manufacturers including Trex, TimberTech by Azek, Fiberon, Deckorators, Barrette Outdoor Living, MoistureShield, and TruNorth, as well as wood options that range from pressure-treated lumber and cedar to exotic hardwoods. Homeowners weigh appearance, upkeep, and how each surface holds up to the

region's hot summers and cold winters when selecting a material.

"Earning Platinum Pro and Elite standing reflects the way our crews were already building, and it gives our customers manufacturer-backed assurance on top of our own work," said Ryan Rust, Owner of OE Decks & Outdoor Living. "For a homeowner, that means the people installing the product are recognized by the company that makes it."

Finishing details are planned into each build rather than added afterward. Railings, deck lighting, underdeck systems, and skirting are addressed during the design phase, so the completed deck reads as a single, cohesive structure rather than a base with features attached later. Railing choices span composite, aluminum, glass, and cable, and lighting ranges from step and railing illumination to broader landscape integration.

After a design and materials are confirmed, the company handles permit acquisition and manages site preparation and foundation installation as part of its process, keeping the project under a single point of contact from design through completion. Footing methods, including helical piers and traditional concrete, are selected based on soil conditions and the load requirements of the specific deck.

Every build is backed by a five-year workmanship warranty covering the installation against defects, while material warranties extend up to 50 years depending on the products selected, giving homeowners coverage across both labor and materials. The company also offers deck cleaning and pressure washing, along with a three-year maintenance package that includes service twice per year for homeowners who want scheduled upkeep after a build is complete.

"Our whole process is built so a homeowner can see the deck before we build it and stay with the same team the entire way through," Rust said. "The certifications are one more layer of accountability on work we stand behind."

OE Decks & Outdoor Living is based in Waynesville and serves Warren County and the surrounding Southwest Ohio communities, with a second office in Independence, Kentucky. Ryan Rust founded the company to bring a full-service, design-led approach to custom deck building in the region.

OE Decks & Outdoor Living is a veteran-owned and family-owned outdoor construction company that designs and builds custom decks, along with pergolas, porches, gazebos, and outdoor living spaces, for homeowners across Southwest Ohio. The company is owned by Ryan Rust and operates from Waynesville, Ohio, with a second office in Independence, Kentucky.

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