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Decking Installation Guide

- Keep your decking material clean and dry prior to treating. Treat all six sides prior to installation. It is critical to understand that treating only one side actually creates an unequal moisture transfer and will increase the likelihood of cupping.
- Penetrating oil finishes are clearly the best at protecting your deck and minimizing maintenance. We also recommend your finish has U.V. inhibitors to reduce fading from sunlight and a mildew retardant to minimize unsightly black mildew that may form in especially wet areas. End waxing is not necessary.
- Please make sure to follow your local building codes. It is very important to leave adequate ventilation under your deck; 18" minimum from the ground. The interlocking grain and overall strength of meranti will allow you to span 24". We recommend however that you consider 16" for an even stronger deck.
- KAYU™ meranti is kiln dried, so there is virtually no shrinkage. However, any kiln dried wood product will expand when exposed to moisture. Please leave 1/4" between all boards side to side; this is also very helpful in allowing debris to fall freely to the ground below. Batu does not shrink or expand end to end, so trim the ends neatly and butt tightly.
- You have the finest decking material there is; don't try to save a little on the fasteners. Stainless steel screws or nails are the **only** way to go. Although KAYU meranti is nailable, we recommend pre-drilling for the best results.
- Finally, next spring is a good time to clean and refinish your deck. Or if you prefer to let your deck "silver out" just lightly pressure wash.

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