

INSTALLATION CHECKLIST

General legal requirements

Check title restrictions and easements, building codes and zoning by-laws to make sure your deck design complies.

Obtain any required permits or zoning variances.

Check with local utility companies to make sure deck footings and construction will not disturb or obstruct access to piping or wiring.

Deck function

While planning your deck, determine how it will be used.

Your climate

While planning your deck, consider local weather.

Take advantage of good views.

Install ledger

Install ledger to anchor deck to house.

Ledger placement determines the deck floor level, normally 2-4" below floor line.

If unsure about attaching a ledger board, consult a professional.

Use batterboards and mason's string to mark off deck area and locate footing.

Square with string

Attach string to ledger and/or batterboards.

Batterboards go just outside perimeter corners of the deck.

Use the 3-4-5 method to get a 90 degree angle in one corner.

Footing requirements

Footing/posthole depth and location is dictated by local codes and by-laws.