

Coeur d'Alene Painting Co.

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Deck staining in Coeur d'Alene, ID

Prices, snow damage, product specs and prep that lasts

WHAT IT RUNS HERE

Deck staining in Coeur d'Alene, ID runs \$770 to \$2,200 for a standard deck, starting at \$3.85 per square foot including rails and spindles. Most decks take 2 to 4 days from wash to final coat. Size, condition, and whether the old finish has to be stripped first are what move the number. Semi-transparent stain needs redoing every 3 to 5 years here.

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What matters most

- A standard Coeur d'Alene deck runs \$770 to \$2,200, starting at \$3.85 per square foot including rails and spindles.
- Rails and spindles often cost more labor than the deck floor, because every spindle has four faces.
- Wood has to read under 15 percent moisture on a meter before any stain goes down, and TWP wants 48 hours of drying after a wash.
- New smooth pressure-treated lumber needs 3 to 6 months of weathering here before it will take stain properly.
- Semi-transparent stain lasts 3 to 5 years in this climate and solid lasts 5 to 7, with a 1 year workmanship warranty on the labor.

THE NUMBERS

Deck staining prices in Coeur d'Alene, ID

SCOPE	WHAT IT COVERS	COEUR D'ALENE RANGE
Standard deck, wash and restrain	Clean, brighten, dry, spot sand, stain deck, rails and spindles	\$770 to \$2,200
Priced by surface area	Deck floor plus rails, spindles and stairs	From \$3.85 per sq ft
Small platform deck, no rails, faded finish	Straight wash, brighten and recoat	Low end of the \$770 to \$2,200 band
Large deck with stairs, benches and heavy rail work	More cut work and more linear feet of spindle	Top of the \$770 to \$2,200 band
Failed solid stain that has to be stripped first	Chemical strip, brighten, extended dry, then stain	Top of the \$770 to \$2,200 band
Deck wash on its own, no stain	Cleaning only, useful the year before a restrain	\$275 to \$715
Deck stained during a house repaint	Exterior painting scope booked in the same visit	\$3,850 to \$10,400

Linear feet of railing and the condition of the old finish move the price more than deck square footage does.

The numbers

A standard Coeur d'Alene deck runs \$770 to \$2,200, starting at \$3.85 per square foot including rails and spindles. Most decks take 2 to 4 days.

- A small platform deck with no rails sits at the low end
- Heavy rail work or a strip-and-restrain sits at the top
- A deck wash on its own is \$275 to \$715
- Booked alongside a house repaint, exterior painting is \$3,850 to \$10,400

New wood timing

The calendar does not decide when a new deck can be stained. Moisture content and mill glaze do.

- Smooth pressure-treated lumber weathers 3 to 6 months here
- Kiln-dried after treatment stock is often ready in 1 to 2 months
- Water should soak in within a minute or two, not bead
- Break mill glaze with a brightener or a light sanding

What winter does

About 46 inches of snow a year, heaviest in December, sitting on horizontal wood for weeks at a time.

- January averages a 35F high and a 26F low, so freeze-thaw is routine
- Kootenai County sets deck footings at 24 inches for frost
- Steel shovels strip finish and gouge boards
- Chloride ice melts damage wood fiber and galvanized fasteners

Product choices

Benjamin Moore Arborcoat, TWP 1500 and Cabot cover most decks here. The real decision is penetrating against film forming.

- Semi-transparent penetrates and fades, so upkeep is wash and recoat
- Solid holds color but peels on a walking surface
- Arborcoat needs air and surface above 40F, TWP wants 50F to 85F
- TWP will not go over another brand without a full strip

The prep that decides everything

Most deck failures are set before the first coat goes down, during cleaning and drying.

- Brightener after every stripper or cleaner
- 48 hours minimum drying after the wash
- Moisture meter under 15 percent before stain
- Back-wipe anything the wood does not absorb

How long it lasts

Semi-transparent gets 3 to 5 years here, solid gets 5 to 7, and the workmanship warranty runs 1 year.

- TWP puts color fade at 2 to 3 years horizontal, 3 to 5 vertical
- Recoat at fade, not at failure
- Wash every spring once the snow is off
- Keep planters up on feet so they stop holding water

Questions worth asking a bidder

Three answers separate a real deck bid from a fast one.

- Which product, by brand and line
- Strip or clean, and does a brightener follow
- How many gallons should this deck take
- Are rails, stairs, fascia and the underside included

Before you sign a deck staining bid in Coeur d'Alene

- ☐ Get the stain named on the bid by brand and line, not described as premium.
- ☐ Confirm whether the old finish is being stripped or only cleaned, and see it stated in writing.
- ☐ Check that a brightener follows any stripper or cleaner.
- ☐ Ask for the drying window in hours, and confirm it is at least 48 after washing.
- ☐ Ask what moisture reading the crew stains at, and confirm it is under 15 percent.
- ☐ Have rails, spindles, stairs, fascia and the underside each listed as included or excluded.
- ☐ Confirm the number of coats and how they are applied, including wet-on-wet if the product calls for it.
- ☐ Ask how much material the deck should take, in gallons, and compare it against the coverage rate.
- ☐ Get fastener and board repair priced as its own line.
- ☐ Confirm how long before you can walk on it and how long before furniture goes back.
- ☐ Ask what the 1 year workmanship warranty covers.
- ☐ Check that the contractor's Idaho registration with DOPL is active before you pay a deposit.

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