

HOME & GARDEN



Adding Vitality to Your Deck

By *Debbie Brown*

Adding vitality to the look of an existing deck or enhancing the look of a new one can be an easy job. Sometimes, making the choice between a natural or a solid stain can be the hardest part of the task.

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Stains offers an unlimited number of colours in solid and semi-solid stains. The new Arborcoat Waterborne Stains have become very popular.

Naturally, an older deck with dirt, grime and stains needs a cleaning to remove all the contaminants. Securing

loose boards and tapping down popped nail heads is a must. Utilize stain strippers on a surface long enough to break down the old finish before you rinse off.

Helpful tips to complete your project from start to finish are available at your local

Benjamin Moore paint store. The types of products for new or existing decks, whether to clear-coat, use a solid or transparent, are questions, your local expert can help you with.

A great looking deck enhances the outdoor living experience and increases the enjoyment for family events, entertainment and relaxing.



Image courtesy Benjamin Moore

Curbside Appeal – Beautify with Trees

The Town of Truro's Tree Committee will offer a rebate program to Truro citizens planting new trees. The rebate program offers residents a rebate of up to \$50 dollars per tree toward the purchase

price of trees bought and planted between May 1, 2016 and September 30, 2016.

Applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis and rebates will be provided for trees of

appropriate species (Canadian Plant Hardiness Zone 5 or more).

The rebate is for 50 per cent toward the purchase price of the tree, up to a maximum of \$ 50 dollars per tree

and for up to ten trees per property. To apply for the rebate contact: The Tree Committee once your new trees have been planted to arrange a viewing. For more information pertaining to the program, contact Andrew Williams at 902-893-6071, or email: awilliams@truro.ca

12TH Annual Andrew Yorke Washer Toss Tournament – June 18TH

The 12 annual Andrew Yorke "Sharky" washer toss tournament will be held on Saturday, June 18th at 37 Beaverbrook Road, Five Islands. It's a great opportunity to spend with friends and family. There is something for everyone: BBQ on site; Silent Auction and door prizes.

It's a great way to support kids in the community. Proceeds

raised go towards an educational scholarship fund. Registration is \$10.00 per two person team. Call Bonnie at 902-254-2995 to register your team. Registration starts at 9:00 am.





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