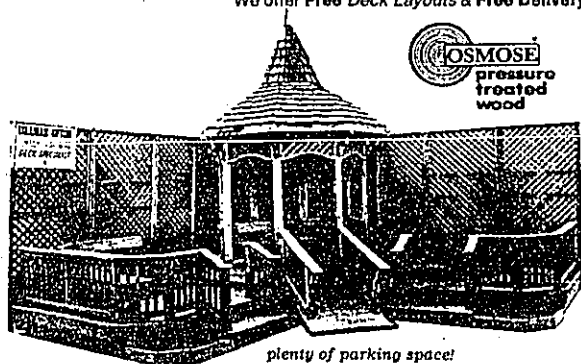
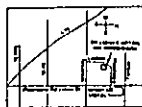


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A Timberline workman pressure cleans a wood deck with a biodegradable cleaner before applying a sealer.

Cleaning process makes old decks look new again

Two Orion Township entrepreneurs feel they have come up with a solution to the problem of wood decks that have become a dull gray color with the passage of time.

The duo, Roger Parowski and Dave Bemus, three years ago formed Timberline Deck Maintenance in response to the growing demand for cleaning and watersealing the many new wood decks being built in the area.

With the proliferation of new wood decks, Parowski said, has come the realization by many homeowners that their pressure-treated wood decks when naturally weathered are a dull gray color.

Also, he noted, pressure-treated means only means the wood is protected from rot, but does not address the issues of cracking, splitting, warping and appearance.

"WE ADDRESS THOSE concerns," he said, in a process that

cleans and reveals the wood. The watersealing process can be combined with a stain process, if the owner wishes, he said.

The first step in the process is to thoroughly clean the deck with a foaming cleaner, scrubbing to loosen dirt and mildew. The deck is then high-pressure rinsed and allowed to dry thoroughly before a sealer is applied. Although the cleaner itself is biodegradable and will not harm plants, all landscaping is completely covered prior to the cleaning process to protect it from the effects of the high-pressure rinse, he said.

Once the deck is dry, the Timberline crew returns to apply one of several waterseal products. The products are applied by hand, ensuring even coverage, Parowski explained. The deck then needs to dry for approximately 24 hours. Any residual sealer can be easily rinsed off by the homeowner with a solution of dish soap and water.

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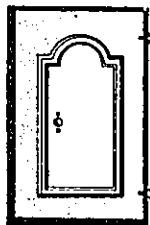
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