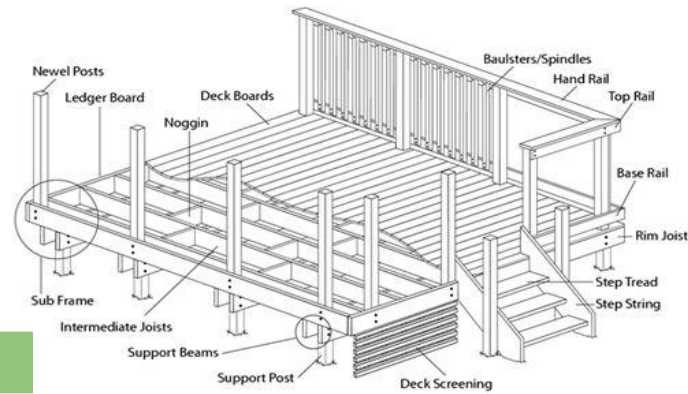


Decks - What to know - Planning Your Deck

Decking Basics

Most decks require stamped architectural plans that cost approximately \$3,000-\$5,000

- Decks require building permits
- Decks require multiple inspections
- Accurate estimates need finalized design plan



Wood Decking - materials cost \$8-\$14 per sq ft

- Wood decks require yearly resealing and will crack in places with Chicago seasonal weather. Resealing averages \$9-\$12 sq ft
- Treated wood \$6 sq ft - quality kiln dried hand picked from Evanston Lumber - 10-15 yr lifespan
- Cedar wood \$10 sq ft - quality hand picked from Evanston Lumber 8-13 year yr lifespan
- Labor - Installation cost with framing is approximately \$90 sq ft - does not include railing cost



Composite Decking - material cost \$16-\$25 per sq ft

- We use mid to upper range only (Trex & Azek)
- Warranty of 35 to 50 years - can last longer
- Withstands Chicago seasonal weather best
- No maintenance/environmentally responsible
- Excellent color integrity - more choices
- Lowest long-term cost of ownership
- Labor - Installation about \$100 sq ft - does not include railing cost



Railing Options - Priced by linear foot

- Wood railing - \$85+ In ft materials and labor - 25 yr life expectancy, easiest/fastest install
- Metal railing - huge range of cost - \$150 to \$500.00 In ft materials and installation, may require plans/special order depending on model chosen
- Composite railing - starts at \$125 In ft - durable and low maintenance

