

# ONE TRIP CHECKLIST



## Don't forget...

- Galvanized nails and screws
- Lag bolts
- Levels: 48", post, line
- Hammer
- Gloves
- Tape measure
- Saws
- Plumb bob, chalk line, mason's line
- Post hole digger or auger (available for rental)
- Squares: layout, framing, carpenter's
- Shovel
- Wheelbarrow
- Concrete
- Wrenches and socket set
- Caulk gun and Silicon caulk
- Drill with bits (spade, twist, masonry, driver)
- Stain or sealer with brushes and sprayer
- Metal Connectors (joist hangers, etc.)
- Sonotubes

## DECK BUILDING

### HOW-TO ■

- *The Decks 1-2-3 book is a great resource for a deck project*
- *Check local building codes and bylaws and with your home owners association to see if a permit is required*
- *Get the utility company to mark underground utilities prior to beginning a deck project*
- *Set deck joists with natural crowns up to build extra strength into the design*
- *Estimate 10% extra (or 15% extra for diagonal pattern) deck boards to account for cutting waste when planning your project*
- *For most decking, you should position boards evenly about 1/8" apart for proper drainage*
- *Outdoor stairs should be at least 3 feet wide for ease of traffic flow and to meet most local code requirements*
- *Most local building codes require railings for decks 23-5/8" or higher above the ground*
- *Balusters should be placed a maximum of 4" apart to meet most local building codes*

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