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## **What's Under Your Deck?**

(Atlanta, GA) – When you're choosing a decking product, ask yourself a question: is the product you're putting on top of your deck strong enough to actually support that same deck? If the answer is no, you might want to think again.

When choosing a decking material, consider pressure-treated Southern Pine. It's strong enough to support decks constructed of other materials, so why not use it to create your entire deck?

If you spend a few minutes online researching composite decking company Web sites, you'll find something interesting: almost all of them recommend using pressure-treated wood to build the support system for your composite deck. Why? Because most composite materials are not strong or durable enough to support the weight of a deck. Plus, most composite materials will not withstand direct ground contact.

Pressure-treated wood is specifically designed to not only be strong, but to withstand the elements as well. It won't give in to water, rot or insects, making it the best solution for your backyard deck.

Did you know that almost 90 percent of all pressure-treated wood nationwide is Southern Pine? That's because the cellular makeup of Southern Pine allows it to accept treatment better than any other species. The unique grain of Southern Pine gives it an edge over other products, too: whether you choose to paint it, stain it, or leave it clear, your Southern Pine deck will stay beautiful for decades to come.

Maintenance of your Southern Pine deck is about as easy as it gets: wash it once a year, seal it, and you're done. Southern Pine won't conduct heat in the summer, meaning it's safe for your children to walk on barefoot. And by choosing Southern Pine, you're making a wise environmental decision: wood is one of the only renewable resources in the building products market today.

Educate yourself and make the smart choice. If you want the look of real wood, choose real wood: choose Southern Pine.

For more information on Southern Pine decking, photos and DIY project ideas, please visit [www.spanpine.com](http://www.spanpine.com).

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