



Curtis Lumber Deck Design Services

Just starting your deck project? Your local Curtis Lumber is the best place to go when you want to be sure your project gets started off right. Our professional staff will gladly help you design a deck that meets your needs and lifestyle.

What to Expect

Each of our stores have deck displays showing many of the most popular materials and options. Come in and see what is available, pick up literature to take home, and talk to a salesperson about your project. If you know what you want, talk to a salesperson immediately to begin the design process. Depending on how intricate your deck, your salesperson may ask to set up a time to talk more in depth about your project in order to give you their full attention and the detail it deserves.

In order to prepare, you will need some basic measurements and to check with your local building officials to verify your specific municipality's codes. The measurements needed are overall deck size, where you would like stairs located, location of doors & deck access, if there are septic systems or pools that are nearby, etc. Use our handy measuring guide and checklist to guide you through the process.

Much of the deck design process is a learning experience. In order to make the right design choices, you must think about your lifestyle and how you plan to use the deck. Prepare a wish list and some questions to ask and think about your budget. Your salesperson will then be able to take this information and incorporate it into a design that meets your expectations.

When your 3-D design is ready, your salesperson will review it with you to talk about whether there are any questions or changes that need to be made. Once you've agreed upon a final design, your salesperson will create a final 3-D drawing, a material list, a project plan view, a deck layout (footing and beam location) sheet, and a stress analysis page. This packet is then adequate to get a building permit if you have not done so. Be sure to keep your design packet as it will serve as your plans to construct your deck.

When you are ready to purchase your deck and schedule delivery, stop back in the store and cover any questions you may have left. At this time you may want to pick up installation instructions for the product and most importantly all the other items you will need to complete your project. Your time is too valuable to be making return trips, check this short list to be sure that you have everything you need.

- Measuring Tape
- Drill & Bits
- Circular Saw
- Level
- Combo Square or Quick Square
- Framing Square
- Hammer & Flat Bar
- Chalk Line
- Extension Cord
- Nail Set
- Safety Goggles
- Gloves
- Shovel
- Post Hole Digger
- Wheelbarrow
- Wrenches-Crescent & Ratchet
- Carpenter's Pencil
- Sawhorses
- Utility Knife
- Clamps

**When your deck is finished, be sure to bring in photos!
We love to see our customers' new decks.**