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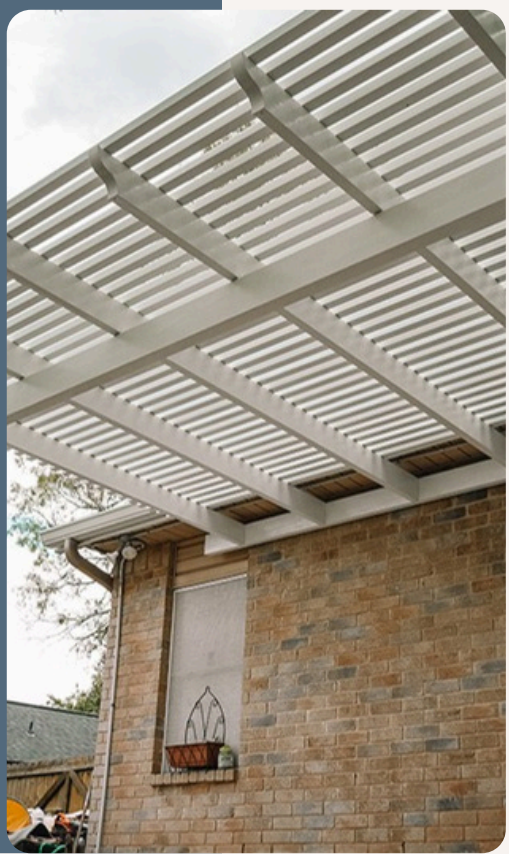
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Your Outdoor Living Project Planning Guide

Everything you need to know before building your dream deck, patio cover, pergola, or outdoor living space in San Antonio



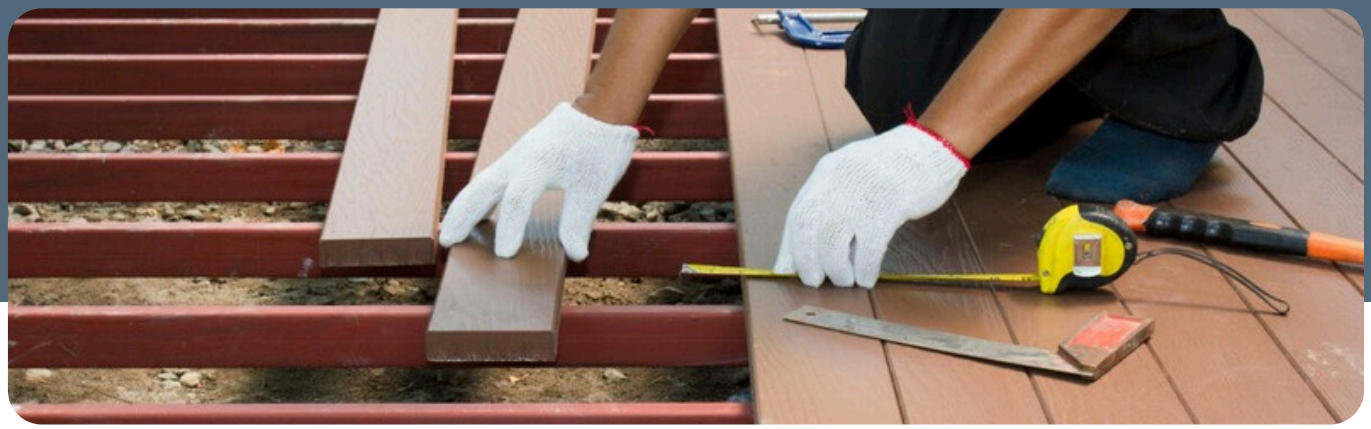






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Welcome from Paul & Chianne



Thank you for considering Apex Deck Co. for your outdoor living project. We put this guide together to help you feel confident and prepared as you start planning — whether you're just beginning to explore ideas or you're ready to break ground.

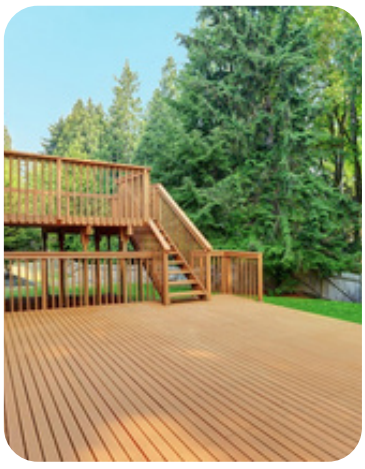
We're a family-owned company rooted right here in San Antonio. With over 20 years of combined experience among our team members, we've helped homeowners across the metro area transform their backyards into spaces they love. Every project we take on is custom-designed and built around your vision, your space, and the way you actually live outdoors.

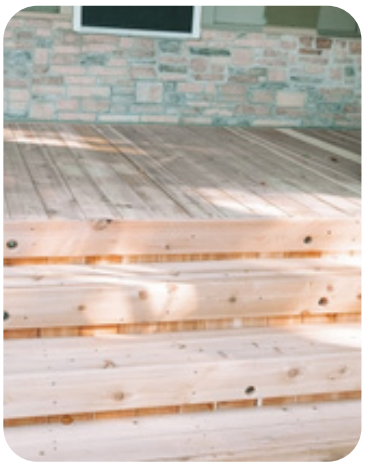
Inside this guide, you'll find a straightforward overview of the materials we work with, questions worth asking before you hire any deck builder, a look at how permits work in our area, and some practical advice for getting your project off to the best start. We hope it's useful.

Paul & Chianne, Apex Deck Co.

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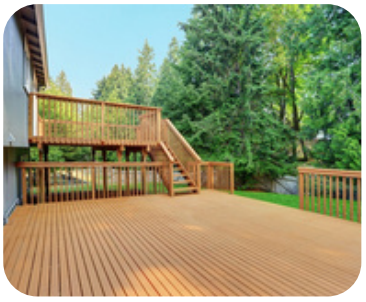


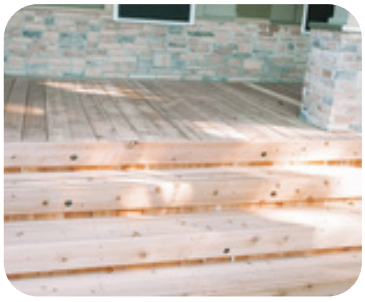





Which Outdoor Living Project Is Right for You?

The timeline and process below applies to most residential outdoor projects, but the specifics vary depending on what you're building. Here's a quick look at the options Apex Deck Co. offers to help you narrow your focus before that first consultation.



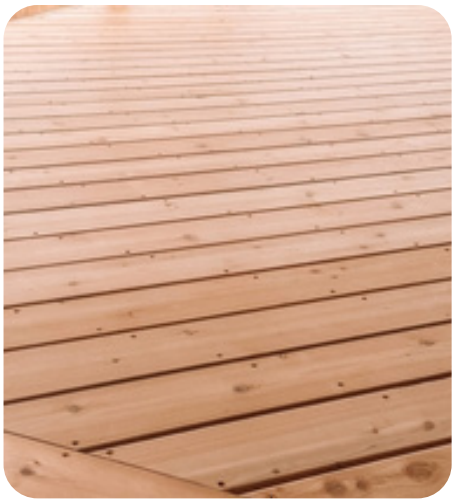
Custom Decks

Custom Decks are the foundation of most backyard transformations. Whether you choose composite for its low-maintenance longevity or natural wood for its warmth and character, a well-designed deck expands your living space and adds value to your home. Apex builds in all three material categories: composite, cedar, and treated pine. We'll help you choose the material that fits your life, not the one your builder happens to stock.



Composite Decks

Composite decking offers a low-maintenance, high-performance alternative to traditional wood, combining the natural look of lumber with the durability of modern materials. Made from a blend of recycled wood fibers and advanced plastics, it is resistant to splintering, warping, and rot, while also standing up to fading, moisture, and insect damage. This makes it a long-lasting and environmentally friendly option that performs well in a variety of climates, especially in areas with heat, humidity, and changing weather conditions.



Cedar Decks

Cedar decking is a popular natural wood option known for its built-in resistance to moisture, insects, and rot—without the need for heavy chemical treatments. Its distinctive grain patterns and rich, warm tones create a look that feels both rustic and refined, making it a versatile choice for everything from traditional patios to more modern outdoor spaces. Cedar is also easy to work with and can be customized to fit a variety of layouts, allowing homeowners to create a deck that suits their space, style, and how they plan to use it.



Treated Pine Decks

Treated pine decking is a durable and affordable option, pressure-treated to resist rot, decay, and insects. It provides a strong foundation for a variety of deck designs, from simple platforms to larger builds. While it requires regular sealing and maintenance, it remains a practical, budget-friendly choice for homeowners seeking reliable performance.

Choosing the Right Material

Compare your options for durability, maintenance, and cost.



COMPOSITE

25–50+ Years

PROS:

- Low Maintenance
- Durable & Weather Resistant

CON:

- Higher Cost



CEDAR

15–25 Years

PROS:

- Natural Beauty
- Cooler Surface

CON:

- Needs Regular Sealing



TREATED PINE

10–20 Years

PROS:

- Most Affordable
- Widely Available

CON:

- High Maintenance

DECK MATERIAL COMPARISON

	Composite	Cedar	Treated Pine
Lifespan	25–50+ Years	15–25 Years	10–20 Years
Maintenance	• Low	• Moderate	• High
Cost	• $$$	• $$	• $
Appearance	Modern Look	Natural Beauty	Basic & Functional

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LOW MAINTENANCE

Long-Term Investment



NATURAL AESTHETIC

Warm & Rustic Feel

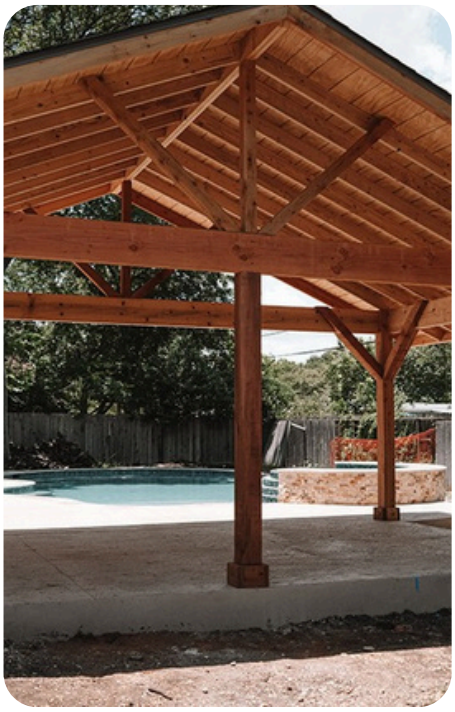


BUDGET-FRIENDLY

Cost-Effective Option

Extending Your Outdoor Space

A great outdoor living area is often more than just a deck. Many of our clients combine their deck with a patio cover, pergola, gazebo, or screen room to create a complete outdoor living experience. Here's a quick overview of the structures we build and how they complement your deck.



Patio Covers

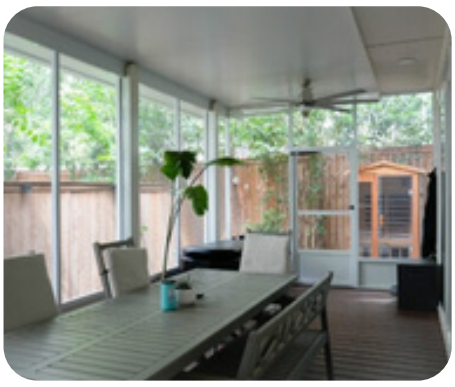
A patio cover gives your deck or patio full overhead protection from sun and rain, turning a fair-weather space into a year-round outdoor room. We build three main styles:

- **Gable:** A peaked, triangular roofline that adds height, ventilation, and a classic look that blends with most home styles.
- **Hip Roof:** A four-sided sloped design with excellent rain runoff and wind resistance — clean, low-profile, and highly weather-resistant.
- **Single Slope:** A streamlined, modern design that attaches efficiently to your existing roofline. Practical and popular.



Pergolas

Pergolas create filtered shade with an open-lattice roof structure. They're perfect for defining an outdoor space without fully enclosing it — great for dining areas, garden features, or creating a frame for climbing plants and string lights.



Screen Rooms

Screen Rooms solve one of South Texas's most persistent problems: mosquitoes. An enclosed screen room lets you enjoy the outdoors without sharing it with every insect in Bexar County. For families with young children or anyone who values bug-free evenings, it's a game-changer.



Gazebos

Gazebos offer a freestanding retreat—a destination in your own backyard. They work beautifully as poolside shelters, garden focal points, or outdoor dining spaces, and can be built in a range of styles from classic to contemporary.



Aluminum Options

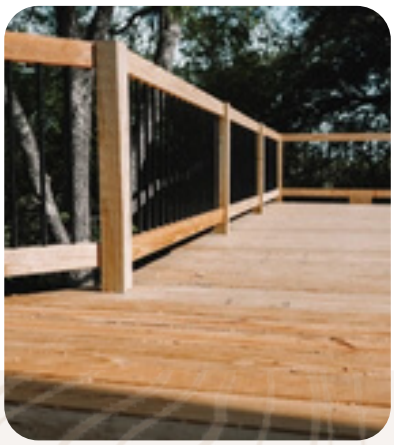
For homeowners seeking a modern aesthetic with virtually zero maintenance, we offer aluminum structures for patio covers and other applications. Aluminum won't rust, rot, warp, or require painting.

Not sure what combination is right for your space? That's exactly what your free consultation is for. We'll help you explore the possibilities.

Noah Thalman

Google Review about Apex Deck

"Paul was very informative and knowledgeable about the materials needed and what fit was best for my lifestyle."



10 Questions to Ask Before Hiring a Deck Builder

Whether you're talking to us or comparing other contractors, these are the questions that separate serious professionals from the rest. A quality builder will welcome every one of them.

1. **Are you licensed and insured?** Any contractor working on your property should be licensed and carry general liability insurance coverage. Ask to see proof — don't just take their word for it.
2. **Do you pull permits and handle inspections?** Most deck and patio cover projects in the San Antonio area require building permits. A reputable builder handles the entire permitting process, including coordinating inspections.
3. **Can I see examples of your recent work?** Ask for photos of completed projects — ideally in your area and with materials similar to what you're considering. Even better: ask if any past clients would be willing to share their experience.
4. **What materials do you recommend for my situation, and why?** A good builder won't just push the most expensive option. They'll listen to your priorities — budget, maintenance tolerance, aesthetic preference — and recommend what genuinely fits.
5. **What does your proposal include?** Look for line-item detail: materials, labor, permits, demolition of existing structures if applicable, and any allowances for site-specific challenges. Vague lump-sum bids are a red flag.
6. **What is your warranty?** Understand exactly what's covered, for how long, and what the claim process looks like. Ask about both workmanship warranty and material/manufacturer warranty.
7. **How do you handle change orders?** Changes happen during construction. Know upfront how they're communicated, approved, and priced before work proceeds.
8. **What's your typical timeline for a project like mine?** Get a realistic estimate — not an optimistic best-case scenario. Ask what could cause delays and how they'll communicate if the timeline shifts.
9. **Who will be on-site during the build?** Find out if a project manager will be checking on progress, how you'll communicate during the build, and whether you'll be dealing with subcontractors or an in-house crew.
10. **What's not included in the price?** Ask specifically about: turf repair, electrical work, disposal fees, potential additional costs for site conditions (rock, drainage, buried utilities), and whether the price includes staining or sealing for wood projects.

Permits & Regulations in the San Antonio Area



Navigating permits is one of the less glamorous parts of building an outdoor structure, but it's essential. Building without proper permits can result in fines, forced removal of structures, and complications when you sell your home. Here's what you should know.

When Is a Permit Required?

In the City of San Antonio and Bexar County, most deck and patio cover projects require a building permit. The specific requirements can vary depending on your location — city limits vs. unincorporated county, specific municipality rules in suburbs like Helotes, Schertz, or Converse, and your HOA's architectural review requirements.

As a general rule: if it's attached to your house, elevated above a certain height, or involves a roofed structure, it almost certainly requires a permit.

What the Permit Process Looks Like

- We prepare detailed building plans and specifications for your project.
- We submit the plans and application to the appropriate permitting office.
- The office reviews the plans and may request revisions or additional documentation.
- Once approved, construction can begin.
- During and after the build, inspectors verify the work meets code. We coordinate all required inspections.

Potential Additional Requirements

Depending on your specific property and project, additional requirements may arise during the permitting or inspection process. These can include:

- Zoning variances if building near property lines or in restricted setback areas
- Soil engineering reports for certain terrain conditions
- Additional inspections for complex structural elements
- HOA design review approval (separate from city/county permits)

If any additional requirements arise, we communicate them to you immediately along with any associated costs before proceeding.

Our Promise on Permits

We handle the entire permitting process for you. You don't need to visit any offices, fill out any forms, or coordinate with inspectors. That's part of what you're hiring us to do, and we take it seriously.

Preparing Your Property for a Deck Project

We do a pre-construction meeting with all parties present when possible. A little preparation on your end before the crew arrives helps everything go more smoothly. Here's what we recommend:

Before Construction Begins



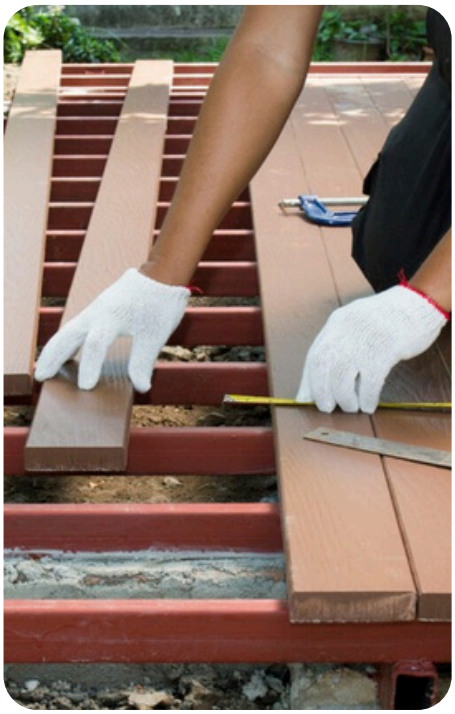
Clear the construction zone. Move outdoor furniture, grills, planters, toys, and any other items out of the work area. We're not responsible for items left in the zone.

Mark private utilities. If you have privately installed sprinkler systems, buried downspouts, landscape lighting, or drainage lines, let us know before work starts. Costs for repairing or relocating unmarked private lines are not included in the project scope.

Plan for pets and children. Our crews work with heavy equipment and power tools. For safety, keep children and pets at least 50 feet from the work area while crews are on-site.

Discuss access. We'll need equipment access to your backyard. At the pre-construction meeting, we'll discuss whether we'll use the driveway, side yard, or other access point, and what precautions we'll take to protect your property.

Talk to your neighbors. A heads-up about construction noise and activity goes a long way toward maintaining good relationships.



During Construction

Our crews typically arrive between 7:30 and 9:30 AM and work until mid-to-late afternoon. Some crews may stay later or work Saturdays depending on the project scope. We typically do not work Sundays.

A project manager will check in on progress regularly. Feel free to reach out to them during working hours with questions or concerns. For after-hours issues, please contact our office rather than the on-site crew directly.

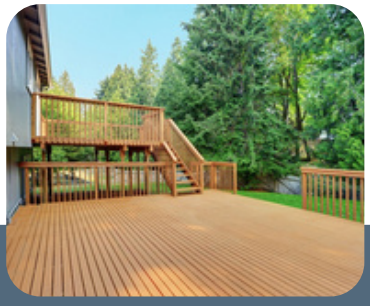
Construction in your backyard requires some patience — there will be noise, temporary mess, and disruption to your normal routine. We minimize this as much as possible and clean up work areas at the end of each day.

A Note About Turf and Landscaping

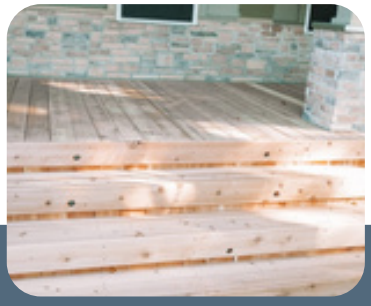
Due to heavy foot traffic and equipment, there may be minimal damage to turf and landscaping near the work area. Turf repair is not included in the project price. Where possible, we take precautions — using plywood sheeting to protect grass from heavy equipment, for example — but some impact is unavoidable











Why Timing Matters More Than You Think

San Antonio's climate is one of the best in Texas for outdoor construction, but only if you time it right. We get over 250 sunny days a year, which sounds like you could build any time. But anyone who's lived here knows that it's a little more complicated than that.

The sweet spots for outdoor construction are spring (March through April) and fall (October through November). During these windows, daytime highs settle into the 70–82°F range, rainfall is relatively low, and conditions support quality craftsmanship—concrete cures properly, wood acclimates well, and crews can work full days without heat-related safety concerns.

Summer is a different story. From June through August, highs regularly top 91–95°F. That kind of heat limits productive work hours, affects how materials set and cure, and can push timelines back by days or weeks.

What surprises many homeowners is that winter can actually be a smart building season in San Antonio. Our lows rarely dip below the low 40s, and December through February tend to be dry months. Contractor demand drops, which can mean faster scheduling and sometimes better pricing—savings in the range of 10–20% compared to peak season.

The takeaway is simple: if you want your project completed in time for prime outdoor season, you need to start planning well before those windows open. That means now.





Timeline Expectations

One of the most common questions we hear is “how long will this take?” The honest answer is: it depends on the project. But here’s a general framework so you know what to expect.

Phase	Typical Duration	Notes
Consultation & Design	**24–48 hours**	Includes site visit, design development, and proposal review
Permitting/HOA	2–4 weeks	Varies by municipality; some areas are faster than others
Materials Ordering	1–3 weeks	Specialty materials or high-demand periods may extend this
Standard Deck Build	1–2 weeks	A straightforward platform or single-level deck
Complex Deck Build	2–4 weeks	Multi-level, large footprint, or custom features
Deck + Patio Cover	3–6 weeks	Combined projects require additional framing and roofing
Final Walkthrough	1 day	Review, punch list, warranty orientation, handoff

What Can Affect Your Timeline

- Weather: We’re working outdoors. Rain, extreme heat, and storms can cause delays.
- Materials availability: Supply chain fluctuations can affect delivery schedules for certain products.
- Permit processing: Some jurisdictions move faster than others, and complex projects may require additional review.
- Change orders: Modifications to the design after construction begins will affect the schedule.
- Site conditions: Unexpected discoveries like buried rock, concealed drainage pipes, or soil issues can add time.

The most important thing: we communicate proactively. If something affects your timeline, you’ll hear about it from us — not the other way around.

Understanding Our Warranty

We stand behind our work. Here's a clear overview of what our warranty covers and how the process works if you ever need it.

What's Covered

One-Year Workmanship Guarantee: Covers defects in workmanship on all decks we build. This includes things like loose connections, improper installation per manufacturer guidelines, missing hardware, missing screws, faulty cuts, and defects caused during installation.

Five-Year Structural Guarantee: Covers the structural integrity of your deck for five years from completion.

Manufacturer Warranties: Many of the materials we use carry their own manufacturer warranties. We'll explain all applicable manufacturer coverage during your final walkthrough and assist with any manufacturer claims if needed.

What's Not Covered

Our warranty does not cover:

- Normal wear and tear, including natural weathering of wood products
- Damage from abnormal weight, excessive traffic, or use not discussed prior to construction (such as placing a hot tub without prior planning)
- Surface scuffs on composite decking (these can often be addressed with a heat gun)
- DIY modifications or work performed by other contractors after our project is completed • Natural wood characteristics: knots, grain variation, discoloration, and natural splitting are inherent to wood and are not defects
- Acts of nature: storm damage, flooding, animal damage, fire, hail, or winds exceeding 60 MPH

How to Make a Warranty Claim

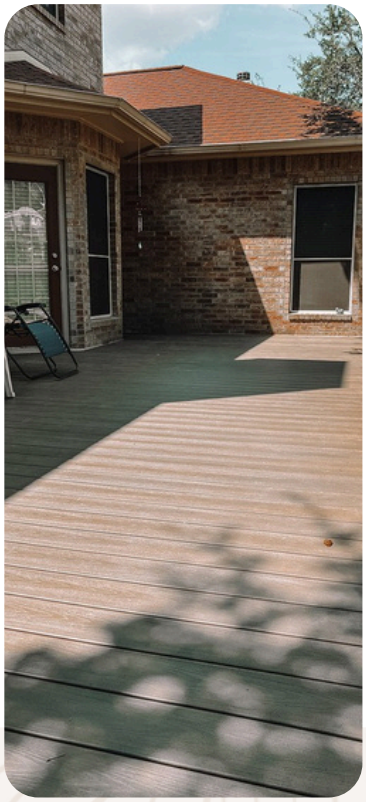
If you believe there's an issue covered by our warranty, submit a claim in writing via email to info@apexdeckco.com. Include at least three to six photos of the problem area — both close-up and wider shots help us understand the issue. We'll review the claim and schedule a site visit to assess and resolve the situation. Warranty work is typically addressed within two to three weeks, weather permitting.

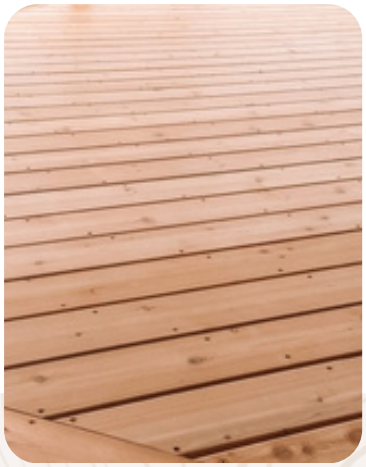
A Maintenance Recommendation

We recommend having your deck professionally inspected every five years to catch any maintenance needs early. We offer deck inspection services for a minimal fee, and regular inspections can significantly extend the life and appearance of your outdoor space

This warranty summary is for reference. Complete warranty terms are provided with your project contract. The original homeowner must be the one making any claim.





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If you've been thinking about adding or upgrading your outdoor space, no matter the time of year, let's start the conversation today!

At Apex Deck Co., we're a family-owned business with over 20 years of combined experience building custom outdoor living spaces across San Antonio and the surrounding communities. We build composite and natural wood decks, pergolas, patio covers, screen rooms, and gazebos And we've built a reputation for honest guidance, quality craftsmanship, and treating your project like it's our own.

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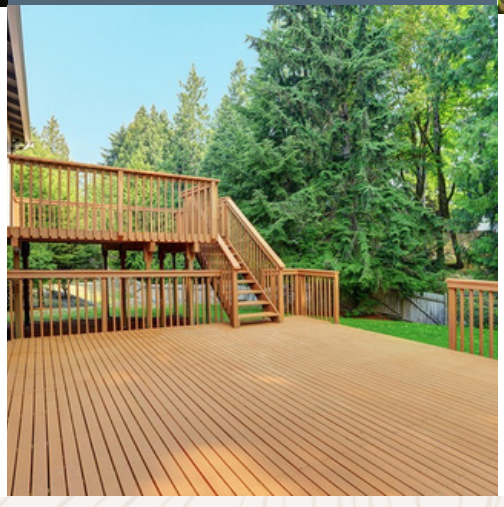
Craftsmanship with Integrity

We believe that great work starts with great values. Every cut, every bolt, and every detail is completed with the same level of care and pride we'd expect in our own homes. No shortcuts—just honest, high-quality work.



Personalized Service

No two clients are the same, and neither are our projects. We take time to understand your vision and lifestyle so we can deliver outdoor spaces that reflect your needs, not just a standard template.



Commitment to You

With over 20 years of experience on our team, we bring a level of precision, professionalism, and pride that defines everything we do. From the first sketch to the final nail, we aim to exceed your expectations.

If you've submitted a request through our website, you're already on our list. A member of our team will be reaching out within one business day to learn about your project and schedule your free on-site consultation.

If you haven't contacted us already, we can't wait to hear from you!

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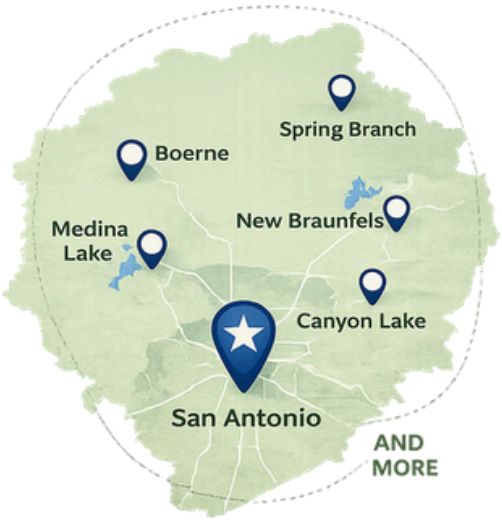
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