

# **Deck Building Made Easy!**

NO Holes to Dig NO Cement to Mix NO Attaching to House NO Heavy Blocks to Lift and Level

**Build a Deck in Six Easy Step!** 

# 1. Locate Oz-Deck<sup>™</sup> piers on the ground.

Stretch string lines so that they are level and use plumb bob to locate where Oz-Deck<sup>™</sup> plates will be located. Use the spacing guidelines to assure proper pier locations. Place the Oz-Deck<sup>™</sup> plates directly on the ground.





Beams must be a minimum of 2-2"x6" boards nailed together and joists must be 2"x6" boards spaced no further than 24" on center if using 2"x6" decking boards. Joist spacing will be less with other materials. Check local building codes and decking material manufacturers for specific requirements.

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#### 2. Drive Oz-Posts™

Check for all underground utilities before driving Oz-Posts<sup>™</sup>. Drive Oz-Post<sup>™</sup> supports through the Oz-Deck<sup>™</sup> plates. The Oz-Post<sup>™</sup> supports the 4x4 posts for the deck beams. Oz-Deck<sup>™</sup> utilizes traditional deck construction techniques that include both beams and joists.



#### 3. Cut Posts

Measure from the string lines to the base of the Oz-Post<sup>™</sup> and cut 4x4 posts to the proper length and attach with screws.







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### 4. Attach Beams

Make 3x6 beams using two 2x6 boards nailed together to the desired length for the deck size. Attach the beams to the posts. Special brackets are available make this process easy and strong.



#### 5. Building Joist Framing

Build joist system with 2x6 boards. Be sure to use the correct spacing between the joists that is required for the decking material that is being used. Joist spacing is typically 24" for 2x6 decking and 16" for composite and 5/4" decking. Square the joist framing by measuring diagonally from corner to corner until the measurements are equal. Secure the joists to the beams.





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### 6. Attach the Deck Boards

Attach deck boards to the joists. There are many choices to consider for attaching deck boards. Traditional methods like nails and screws or newer techniques like hidden hard-ware and adhesives.



