

# EVERWOOD DECKING PARTNERS, LTD

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## Installation Guidelines

Ipê is an extremely dense wood with exceptional durability and performance. When installed properly Ipê will provide a lifetime of beauty and service.

1. **Handling and Storage** - Ipê is supplied partially air dried and is for outdoor use. It should be stored out of direct sunlight and be allowed to acclimate to the installation environment. Allow for ground side ventilation in your design as proper air circulation is necessary for long term stability. When fully seasoned, shrinkage of approximately 1/16" on 4" wide material and 1/8" on 6" wide material can be expected.
2. **Cutting and Drilling** - Due to the density of Ipê, premium carbide tipped blades and high quality drills are necessary to make smooth cuts. Pre-drill and counter sink when using screws.
3. **End Sealing** - Seal all ends after cutting with latex based end sealer to reduce end checking.
4. **Fastening** - Stainless steel fasteners will provide superior service life and eliminate chemical reaction or staining of the Ipê. Coated or galvanized fasteners can be used. However, shorter life and staining of the wood may occur.
  - A. **Screws** - Traditionally considered a superior method of fastening, will require pre-drilling and counter sinking.
  - B. **Hidden Fasteners** - Help to streamline labor versus face screwing and provides a "screwless" decking surface. Some hidden fastener systems provide automatic spacing.
5. **Finish** - Applying a finish to Ipê decking is not required, but is recommended to minimize fading due to Ultraviolet light exposure. A penetrating, pigmented, UV inhibiting sealer is recommended to maintain Ipê's rich natural color.