

INSTALLATION GUIDE

Garapa is a naturally durable hardwood with beautiful grain patterns.

To maximize the performance and beauty of this wood please read this guide before you begin construction.

Thank you for choosing Garapa Decking.

HANDLING AND CUTTING

- Garapa is supplied as kiln dried lumber and is for outdoor use only.
- Store out of direct sunlight, keep dry and off the ground. Allow the wood to acclimate and stabilize to installation area humidity before installation.
- Garapa will naturally darken slightly on exposure. There may be lighter colored areas on a board, like areas underneath banding, that will darken and blend with the rest of the board after exposure.
- Allow a 3/16" gap on 6" wide decking and a 1/8" gap on 4" wide decking between the deck boards for drainage, airflow, and expansion.
- Some boards may show small white spots of silica particles that are characteristic in Garapa and may become more visible when the sealer coat is applied.
- Kiln dried decking may expand 1/8" on 6" wide boards during times of high moisture. Expect some shrinkage in width in hot or dry areas.
- Carbide tipped saw blades and high quality drills are recommended for smooth cuts.

ALLOWABLE SPANS

<u>Nominal Size</u>	<u>100psf</u>
1 x 4 or 1 x 6	16"
5/4 x 6	24"
DECK VENTILATION	12" from ground

END SEALING

Seal all ends immediately after cutting with "Anchorseal" clear wax end sealer (available from your Garapa Decking dealer) in order to reduce end checking.

FASTENING

To install Garapa decking, pre-drill a pilot hole and countersink and then fasten with high quality stainless steel trim head screws, (available from Garapa Decking dealers).

- Pre drill the screw shank diameter and countersink to avoid splitting, even when using "self-drilling" screws.
- Use a minimum 2 1/4" long screws on net 3/4" or 1" decking.
- Coated or galvanized screws have been used; however, they generally cause black staining and have a shorter service life.

- Use two screws to attach decking at each joist.
- Proper fastener length is typically the wood thickness times 2 1/2.
- Screw and Plug alternative method: Pre drill and counter bore for the screw and 3/8" diameter plug no more than 1/4" deep. Glue the plugs with marine grade epoxy and sand flush.

ALWAYS CHECK AND FOLLOW LOCAL BUILDING CODES

FINISHING

Seal Garapa immediately after installation to reduce the potential for surface checking. If installing over a prolonged period or during hot weather, sealing after each phase is recommended.

- To maintain a golden brown color: Use a transparent penetrating oil based sealer with UV inhibitors in a trans-oxide pigmented tint and reapply annually or as needed.
- Before application of sealers, brush and clean the surface to remove dirt and dust.
- Due to the density, brush on a thin coat or a sticky surface may result.
- Periodic cleaning with simple soap and water will enhance the appearance of your deck.
- To return silver gray wood to the original color, use a "wood brightener." Careful power washing and/or sanding can help to remove the grayed wood.
- Other types of oil and water based coatings have been used. However, fully test samples from several boards to determine their compatibility with Garapa.

Please be aware that due to the variances in products grown in nature, Holbrook Lumber can not assume liability or determine suitability for these products. It is the sole responsibility of the installer to perform tests when determining final applications.

Please follow all of the recommendations from the manufacturer when using these products.

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Garapa Hardwood Decking is the golden opportunity of today's decking market. Garapa is a highly superior species, yet it has a cost that lags far behind the quality it shows on the job and the long-lived performance it offers for years and years after it is installed.

And, Garapa is a Low Maintenance Product! It does not need a preservative to enhance its long life expectancy!

- It will not splinter or check like other hardwoods.



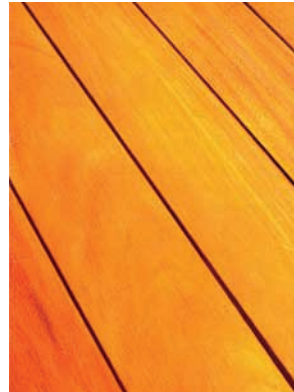
- It is naturally resistant to decay and rot.
- It is even resistant to fire and insects.
- It is stable and literally enhances the effectiveness of hidden or exposed fasteners.

Left alone to weather naturally, Garapa

turns a classic silver- gray color.

Garapa is 100% heartwood and it is kiln dried to enhance its beautiful yellow/tan color. This color can be maintained, or even altered to achieve custom colors for any home décor.

- Select a clear stain with a UV blocker to keep the natural Garapa color tones.
- Select a tinted stain with a UV blocker to bring out darker, richer colors.



Garapa Decking

Decking

1" x 4" 8-16'
1" x 6" 8-16'
5/4" x 6" S4S 8-16'

Accessories

2" x 2" 3'
2" x 4" 8-16'
2" x 6" 8-16"
4" x 4" S4S 8-10-12'

Why GARAPA Decking?

- **100% Clear All-Heartwood**
- **No Unsightly Knots**
- **Beautiful Golden Color**
- **Kiln Dried Stability**

GARAPA Decking will compliment any home

- **Let it weather to a natural Silver Gray**
- **Or, use a UV blocker to keep its honey color**
- **Or, apply a tinted stain to bring out darker, richer colors**