

Deck Drainage System Frees Up Space for Local Homes

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To most people the area under a raised deck is wasted space, but it doesn't have to be.

Moisture and rain that goes through the deck prevents people from using what can be additional living space.

A home in Hampton recently had a product called DEKDrain™ installed under the floor of its deck. The product seals the deck so the space underneath can be used, and the system has a lifetime warranty.

"The trend to use outdoor space is reinforced by a wealth of new products to differentiate outdoor living space offering a level of personalization once reserved only for interior spaces," said Jack Guerin of Keyboard Communications, who represents DEKDrain.

"These amenities include ceilings, recessed lighting, fans, fireplaces, heat lamps, hammocks and porch swings," Guerin said. "A deck drainage system can also create new space for increasingly popular sun rooms or screened porches, which provide an escape from rain and bugs. People also value a dry lower deck to store firewood, lawn furniture, children's toys, lawn mowers, garden tools or other equipment best kept out of the weather."



DEKDrain is based in Columbia, MD. The DEKDrain system offers a very simple design with all components made from the same specially designed rubber membrane. Flexible solutions are provided to address a range of installation issues. The system is

completely hidden, presenting no limit on materials, finishes and fixtures to create the desired space.

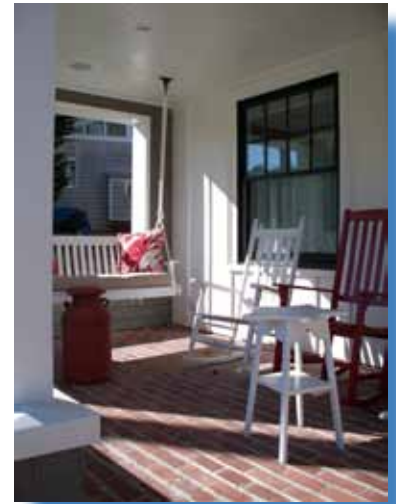
Keith Risser, the owner and founder of DEKDrain said installation of his product is the easiest to do during new construction or remodeling. "Contractors do not have to do any cutting because it is delivered pre-fit ready," Risser said. "The way it works is that it prevents water from running back into the joists.

Once installed, it stays permanently in place. Since it is permanent and has a lifetime guarantee, we consider it a 'green' product even though it's black because it adds living space easily and efficiently."

Risser said that other companies offer similar products but with only a 10-year guarantee. "So, every 10 years, their product must be replaced and it ends up in a landfill," Risser said. "Ours is even used in marinas, for boathouses and we give the same guarantee."

Dockham Builders, located in Stratham, installed the system at the Hampton home. Owner Robert Dockham said other local homes have the drainage system, including a home in Portsmouth.

"It works very well in application," Dockham said. "It's fairly easy to install especially if you are building a new deck and we have had no one call back with problems. It's an excellent way to get more use out of your deck, even if it's just for storage."



The DEKDrain® system can be rolled up and shipped to contractors and homeowners all over the world through UPS ground delivery.

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