

Redwood Deck Materials & Tools Checklist

A Quick Note Before You Start

Thanks for grabbing this exclusive bonus checklist! While The Ultimate Redwood Deck gives you the step-by-step system for planning, building, and finishing your dream deck, this guide is designed to make sure you have every material and tool you need before you even pick up a saw.

Think of this as your shopping list + prep guide—a quick reference that saves you time, stress, and money.

Materials Checklist

- Redwood Deck Boards – Select heartwood for the longest life.
- Joists & Beams – Redwood or pressure-treated lumber for strength.
- Posts (4x4 or 6x6) – Strong vertical support.
- Ledger Board – Connects deck securely to your home.
- Fasteners – Stainless steel or galvanized to prevent corrosion.
- Joist Hangers & Brackets – Heavy-duty connectors.
- Post Anchors – Keep posts elevated and stable.
- Flashing Tape – Protects against moisture damage.
- Stain/Sealer – Keeps your deck beautiful for years.

Tools Checklist

- Measuring Tape (25 ft.) – Accuracy from the start.
- Carpenter's Square – Precise 90° cuts.
- Chalk Line – Perfect layout lines.
- Circular or Miter Saw – Clean cuts on deck boards.
- Cordless Drill/Driver – Speeds up fastening.
- Spade Bit Set – Great for bolt holes.
- Clamps – Hold boards steady while fastening.
- Level – Ensures a flat, safe deck.
- Safety Gear – Gloves, glasses, ear protection.