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BUILD THE USE AND AREA-REFERENCE BRIEF

Use neutral labels. Keep addresses, measurements, drawings, access details and private records out.

A helpful preparation resource from PickYourPro.ai. Fill in digitally or print. Keep your completed copy private.

Intended Use A / plain-language outcome / no design conclusion

Area A / neutral site-zone label / no address

Existing Reference A / record category and custodian only

Current condition question / qualified party to assess

Timing or coordination window / responsible role

Private-record handoff / secure-sharing question

Preparation only. Confirm scope and terms with the professional.

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MAP DESIGN AND PROPERTY INTERFACES

Keep every question tied to the same area and proposal version. Do not answer technical or property questions here.

Design Question A / responsible professional or provider

Assessment or review question / owner / expected written handoff

Property Interface A / adjacent area, access or boundary question

Utility or site-record question / responsible qualified party

Written Proposal A / version / scope and exclusion labels

Approval, change and completion record / responsible role

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CHECK THE PROJECT QUESTION PACKET

Tick what is organized. These checks do not approve a structure, design, site condition or construction step.

- [ ] Intended-use and area labels are neutral and consistent
- [ ] Addresses, measurements, drawings and access details stay private
- [ ] Existing records are listed only by category and custodian
- [ ] Design questions are not treated as design answers
- [ ] Property, utility and adjacent-area interfaces remain questions
- [ ] Proposal scope, exclusions and roles are requested in writing
- [ ] Open questions and approvals have responsible roles
- [ ] No inspection, structural or construction conclusion is recorded

Site or existing-condition question still open / qualified party

Design or property-interface question still open / owner

Written-scope or approval question still open / proposal reference

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QUESTIONS FOR THE DECK PROFESSIONAL

Ask every provider the same use, site-reference, design-role, interface and written-scope questions.

Use: how will you confirm the intended use before final scope?

Area: what must qualified parties review privately on site?

Records: which categories are useful and who reviews them?

Design: who owns each design, assessment and approval question?

Interfaces: how are property, access and utility questions routed?

Proposal: what scope, exclusions, changes and handoffs are written?

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COMPARE THE SAME PROJECT BRIEF

Use Providers A and B with the same neutral labels. Clarify differences before choosing a provider.

Providers A / B / proposal versions / discussion dates

Intended use, area and existing-record needs - A / B

Design, assessment and property-interface roles - A / B

Written scope, exclusions, approvals and open questions - A / B

READY TO HEAR FROM PROS?

Create an account on PickYourPro.ai only if you choose, then start a General Contractor request for a deck or outdoor structure. Share a non-sensitive intended-use, area-reference, design-question and handoff brief so participating pros can compete with proposals. Compare written scope, responsibilities, timing and fit. A provider-led site and professional review may be needed before a final proposal.

One request. Every pro's best offer.

Start a request

Participation varies. A planning conversation may be needed before a final proposal.

Planning guide: https://www.pickyourpro.ai/services/decks-outdoor-structures

Federal Trade Commission: How To Avoid a Home Improvement Scam (official reference)

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: Guidance for Outdoor Wooden Structures (official reference)