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Questions about deck building costs, material pricing, labour rates, and budgeting for deck projects in New Brunswick.

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How much do deck staining contractors charge per hour in Moncton NB?

Most deck staining contractors in Moncton charge by the square foot rather than hourly, typically ranging from \$3-6 per square foot for power washing, prep, and staining. When contractors do charge hourly, rates generally fall between \$45-75 per hour for experienced professionals.

The square footage pricing model is more common because deck staining involves multiple steps that vary significantly in time requirements. **Power washing and prep work** might take 2-3 hours for a 200 square foot deck, while the actual staining could be completed in 1-2 hours depending on the product and application method. Weather delays between washing and staining also make hourly billing impractical.

For a typical Moncton deck project, expect these ranges:

- Small deck (100-150 sq ft): \$300-900 total
- Medium deck (200-300 sq ft): \$600-1,800 total
- Large deck (400+ sq ft): \$1,200-2,400+ total

The wide price range reflects several factors specific to **Moncton's Maritime climate**. Decks with heavy mildew buildup from our humid summers require more intensive cleaning. North-facing decks that stay damp longer need extra prep time. Contractors also factor in the short staining season - work must be completed between mid-May and September when temperatures consistently stay above 10°C for proper stain curing.

Premium contractors (\$5-6/sq ft) typically include deck inspection, minor board replacement, detailed prep work, and premium stain products with longer warranties. **Budget services** (\$3-4/sq ft) focus on basic cleaning and single-coat application with standard stains.

Most Moncton contractors book staining projects 4-6 weeks in advance during peak season (June-August). The timing is critical here - stain applied too early in spring or too late in fall won't cure properly in our climate, leading to premature failure and the need to redo the work within a year.

When getting quotes, ask contractors to specify exactly what's included: power washing pressure, drying time between wash and stain, number of stain coats, type of stain product, and warranty coverage. A proper job requires 24-48 hours drying time after washing before staining can begin.

Need help finding experienced deck staining contractors in the Moncton area? New Brunswick Decks can match you with local professionals who understand our Maritime climate requirements and provide free estimates for your project.

How much does demolition and disposal of an old deck cost in Moncton NB?

Deck demolition and disposal in Moncton typically costs \$3-8 per square foot, meaning a standard 12x16 deck (192 sq ft) runs \$575-\$1,535 for complete removal. Most contractors charge \$800-\$1,200 for an average-sized deck when you're having them build a replacement.

The cost varies significantly based on several factors specific to your situation. **Deck height and accessibility** are major cost drivers — a ground-level deck is straightforward to demolish, while a second-story deck requires more careful dismantling and safety equipment. **Material type** also matters: pressure-treated lumber demolishes quickly, but composite decking takes longer to cut and separate from the framing, increasing labor costs.

Disposal fees in Moncton add \$200-\$500 to most projects. The Westmorland-Albert Solid Waste Corporation charges tipping fees for construction debris, and many contractors include one dump truck load in their quote. If your old deck has multiple levels, built-in features like benches or pergolas, or requires extensive cutting to remove, expect disposal costs on the higher end.

Timing affects pricing in New Brunswick's construction market. Demolition work is often cheaper in late fall through early spring (November-April) when deck builders have lighter schedules. Summer demolition costs more due to high demand, but you can often negotiate better rates if you're hiring the same contractor to build your replacement deck.

Additional considerations that increase costs include removing concrete footings (add \$100-\$300), dealing with attached structures like stairs or railings that extend to landscaping, and working around utilities or tight spaces. Some Moncton contractors offer discounts if they can salvage and reuse materials, particularly cedar boards or aluminum railings in good condition.

DIY demolition is possible for handy homeowners and can save \$400-\$800 in labor costs. You'll need basic tools (reciprocating saw, pry bar, drill), safety equipment, and a way to dispose of materials. Moncton's waste management accepts small loads of deck materials at their facilities, but you'll pay tipping fees of roughly \$80-\$120 per pickup truck load. However, **hire professionals for elevated decks** or any demolition involving structural attachments to your house — improper removal can damage siding, windows, or the home's structure.

Most deck builders include demolition in their total project quote when building a replacement, often at a reduced rate since they're already mobilized for the job. Getting demolition quotes from 2-3 contractors gives you the best sense of fair pricing for your specific situation.

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Do deck builders in Bathurst NB charge more or less than in Moncton?

Deck builders in Bathurst typically charge 5-15% less than Moncton contractors, though the difference has narrowed in recent years as northern New Brunswick's construction market has strengthened.

The cost difference stems from several factors. Moncton, as New Brunswick's largest city, has higher operating costs for contractors — commercial rent, insurance, and overhead expenses are all elevated compared to Bathurst. Moncton also has more competition for skilled tradespeople, driving up labor costs. The Greater Moncton area sees more high-end deck projects and waterfront properties, which pushes average pricing higher.

However, **Bathurst contractors face unique challenges that can offset some savings**. The harsher northern climate means **footings must extend 1.5 metres below grade** (compared to 1.2 metres in Moncton), requiring more concrete and excavation work. Bathurst's longer, more severe winters also mean a shorter building season — roughly May through September for optimal deck construction — which compresses contractor schedules and can drive up demand during peak months.

Material costs are essentially identical between the two cities, as most lumber and composite products come from the same Maritime suppliers. Transportation costs to Bathurst add a small premium, but it's typically absorbed by suppliers rather than passed directly to homeowners.

For a typical 12x16 pressure-treated deck, expect to pay **\$4,500-\$7,200 in Bathurst versus \$5,000-\$7,700 in Moncton**. Composite decking shows a similar pattern: \$8,200-\$13,500 in Bathurst compared to \$8,600-\$14,400 in Moncton. The gap narrows for premium projects, as high-end materials and specialized techniques command similar rates regardless of location.

Timing matters significantly in Bathurst — book your deck builder by March or April for summer construction. The shorter season means contractors often have less flexibility to adjust pricing based on demand, and the best builders book up quickly for the prime June-August window.

Both markets offer skilled professionals, but always verify insurance, WorkSafeNB coverage, and local references before hiring. The savings in Bathurst can be real, but don't compromise on quality for a few hundred dollars — a properly built deck that handles northern NB's brutal freeze-thaw cycles is worth the investment.

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What month is cheapest to build a deck in New Brunswick?

The cheapest month to build a deck in New Brunswick is typically May, with October also offering potential savings as contractors wrap up their season.

May offers the best combination of lower prices and ideal conditions. Contractors are eager to start their busy season and may offer competitive pricing to secure early bookings. The ground has thawed enough for footing work, temperatures are consistently above 10°C for proper concrete curing, and you'll have the entire summer to enjoy your new deck. Many contractors also have more availability in May before the peak June-August rush begins.

October can also provide savings, but with significant limitations. As contractors finish their season, some may offer discounted rates to keep crews busy. However, you're racing against winter weather, and any delays could push staining and finishing work into spring. The shorter daylight hours also mean less productive work time per day.

Avoid the peak summer months (June, July, August) for the best pricing. This is when demand is highest and contractors are booked solid. Prices can be 15-20% higher during peak season, and you'll have less negotiating power. Many contractors are also less flexible on scheduling during their busiest period.

Winter booking for spring construction can secure better rates. If you plan ahead and book your deck project in February or March for May construction, many contractors offer early-bird pricing discounts. This also ensures you get your preferred contractor and timeline rather than settling for whoever has availability.

Consider the full project timeline when timing your build. Remember that pressure-treated lumber needs 3-6 months to dry before staining in New Brunswick's climate. A deck built in May can be properly stained in late August or September, while an October build won't be ready for staining until the following spring.

Weather delays are most common in May and October. Spring rain and early fall weather can push projects back, so build some flexibility into your timeline. However, the potential 10-15% savings often make these shoulder months worth considering despite the weather risk.

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What credit score do I need to finance a deck build in New Brunswick?

Most deck financing options in New Brunswick require a credit score of 650 or higher, though some lenders may work with scores as low as 600 depending on your income and debt-to-income ratio. The specific requirements vary significantly based on the financing method you choose and the size of your deck project.

For **personal loans** through banks like RBC, TD, or Scotiabank, you'll typically need a credit score of 650+ for competitive rates (8-12% APR). Credit unions in New Brunswick, such as UNI Financial Cooperation or Caisse populaire acadienne, may be more flexible with scores around 600-650, especially if you're an existing member with a good banking history.

Home equity lines of credit (HELOC) often offer the best rates for deck projects (currently 6-8% in NB) but require scores of 680+ and at least 20% equity in your home. Since deck projects typically add 60-80% of their cost to home value, a HELOC makes sense for larger composite or multi-level deck builds costing \$15,000+.

Contractor financing through deck builders can be more accessible, with some programs accepting scores as low as 580-600. However, these often carry higher interest rates (12-25% APR) and shorter repayment terms. Many New Brunswick deck contractors work with financing companies like Paymi or offer seasonal payment plans to help homeowners manage the cost of spring/summer builds.

Credit card financing might work for smaller projects under \$10,000, but given New Brunswick's short building season (May through October), you'll want financing approved before contractors get booked up in March and April. Store cards from Home Depot or Lowe's sometimes offer 0% promotional periods, but require good credit (700+) for the best terms.

Practical tips for improving your financing options: Pay down existing debt to improve your debt-to-income ratio, get pre-approved before meeting with contractors, and consider timing your application for late winter when you'll have the most contractor options for spring installation. Remember that deck projects in NB need to account for frost depth requirements (1.2-1.5m footings) and our harsh freeze-thaw cycles, so financing should cover proper construction that will last.

When planning your budget, factor in that pressure-treated decks cost \$25-40/sq ft installed in NB, while composite runs \$45-75/sq ft. A typical 12x16 deck ranges from \$4,800-\$14,400 depending on materials, plus permits (\$100-300) and potential site prep costs.

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What is the cost of under-deck ceiling systems in New Brunswick?

Under-deck ceiling systems in New Brunswick typically cost \$8-18 per square foot installed, with most homeowners spending \$2,400-\$5,400 for a standard 300 square foot deck. The wide price range depends on the system type, deck height, and installation complexity.

Material Options and Costs

Vinyl under-deck systems like Trex RainEscape or TimberTech DrySpace are the most popular choice, costing \$8-12 per square foot installed. These systems use a membrane that channels water to a gutter system, creating a

completely dry space underneath. The vinyl is durable in New Brunswick's freeze-thaw cycles and handles our heavy snow loads well.

Aluminum systems such as Wahoo Decks or UnderDeckDrainage cost \$12-18 per square foot installed. These premium systems offer superior durability and can handle heavier structural loads, making them ideal for decks that need to support significant snow accumulation. The aluminum won't crack from temperature swings and provides excellent long-term performance in our Maritime climate.

Fabric-based systems are the most budget-friendly at \$6-10 per square foot, but they're less suitable for New Brunswick's wet climate and heavy snow loads. Most contractors here recommend against fabric systems for our conditions.

New Brunswick Installation Considerations

Deck height significantly affects cost - systems installed under decks 8-10 feet high are straightforward, but decks over 12 feet require additional safety equipment and labor, adding \$2-4 per square foot. Many NB decks are built higher to handle snow accumulation, which increases installation complexity.

Drainage planning is critical in our climate. The system must direct water well away from the house foundation, and gutters need proper slope to prevent ice dam formation during freeze-thaw cycles. Poor drainage design leads to ice buildup that can damage both the ceiling system and deck structure above.

Timing matters - installation should happen during dry weather between May and October. The membrane adhesion and gutter installation require temperatures above 10°C for proper performance. Most contractors schedule these installations for late spring through early fall.

Additional Costs to Consider

Electrical work for under-deck lighting adds \$500-\$1,500, depending on the number of fixtures and complexity. Many homeowners add ceiling fans (\$300-\$800 installed) to improve air circulation in the humid Maritime climate. If your deck lacks proper structural support for the ceiling system, reinforcement work can add \$1,000-\$3,000 to the project.

Professional Installation Recommended

While some systems market themselves as DIY-friendly, **professional installation is strongly recommended in New Brunswick**. Proper water management is crucial - incorrect installation can direct water toward your house foundation or create ice dams. Licensed contractors understand local drainage requirements and can ensure the system handles our 250-300cm annual snowfall and frequent freeze-thaw cycles.

Most quality installations come with 10-15 year warranties, but only when professionally installed. The investment in proper installation pays off through years of dry, usable space underneath your deck, even during New Brunswick's challenging weather conditions.

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Are there any grants or rebates for building a deck in New Brunswick?

There are no specific government grants or rebates available for building a standard residential deck in New Brunswick. Decks are generally classified as lifestyle improvements rather than essential home repairs or energy efficiency upgrades, which places them outside the scope of most provincial and federal housing assistance programs. However, there are a few adjacent programs and tax provisions that may apply in limited circumstances.

The Canada Greener Homes Grant program, which provided rebates for energy-efficient home improvements, did not include decks or outdoor structures in its eligible upgrade categories. Its successor initiatives continue to focus on insulation, windows, heat pumps, and solar panels rather than exterior living spaces. Similarly, New Brunswick's own residential energy efficiency programs through NB Power target heating systems, insulation, and air sealing, none of which encompass deck construction.

Where some New Brunswick homeowners may find financial assistance is through accessibility-related modifications. If a deck is being constructed as part of a medically necessary accessibility improvement, such as providing a wheelchair-accessible entry to a home, certain costs may qualify for the federal Home Accessibility Tax Credit. This non-refundable tax credit covers up to \$20,000 in eligible expenses for qualifying individuals, which includes seniors aged 65 and over and persons eligible for the disability tax credit. The deck itself would need to be a functional component of the accessibility modification, not simply an outdoor entertainment space. Ramp construction integrated into a deck design is a common qualifying scenario.

New Brunswick's Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program, administered through provincial housing agencies, provides financial assistance for essential home repairs to low-income homeowners, but this program targets health and safety deficiencies like structural problems, heating systems, electrical hazards, and fire safety rather than new construction of outdoor amenities. A deck would only potentially qualify if its deteriorated condition posed a demonstrated safety hazard, and even then the program would fund repair rather than new construction or upgrades.

Some municipalities in New Brunswick offer property tax incentive programs for residential improvements, but these are typically targeted at heritage districts or designated revitalization zones rather than general residential properties. Fredericton, Moncton, and Saint John each have neighbourhood improvement programs that periodically offer incentives, but deck construction alone has not historically qualified.

For contractors and homeowners considering the financial picture, the most practical approach to reducing deck costs in New Brunswick is strategic timing and material selection rather than grant-seeking. Building during the shoulder season in late fall or early spring often yields better contractor pricing due to lower demand. Choosing pressure-treated lumber over composite saves \$20 to \$35 per square foot on materials. Opting for a ground-level

freestanding deck under 600 millimetres above grade can eliminate the \$100 to \$300 permit fee and the cost of engineered drawings, though you should verify permit exemption with your specific municipality before proceeding.

The GST/HST New Housing Rebate does not apply to renovation projects on existing homes, and the home renovation tax credits that some provinces offer do not currently exist in New Brunswick's provincial tax structure. The bottom line is that deck construction in the province remains an out-of-pocket expense for the vast majority of homeowners.

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How much does it cost to add lighting to an existing deck in Fredericton?

Adding lighting to an existing deck in Fredericton costs between \$500 and \$3,000, with basic lighting packages starting around \$500 to \$1,500 and full integrated lighting systems running \$1,000 to \$3,000. The cost depends on the type of lighting, the number of fixtures, whether you choose low-voltage LED or line-voltage options, and whether electrical work requires opening up finished surfaces.

A basic deck lighting package in the \$500 to \$1,500 range typically includes low-voltage LED post cap lights, stair riser lights, or rail-mounted lights powered by a transformer plugged into an existing outdoor outlet. Low-voltage systems operate on 12 volts, making them safer and easier to install without extensive electrical work. A common basic setup might include four to six post cap lights at \$30 to \$80 each, six to eight stair riser lights at \$20 to \$50 each, and a transformer at \$50 to \$150, with installation labour running \$200 to \$600. These systems are energy-efficient, with LED fixtures drawing minimal power and lasting 30,000 to 50,000 hours before replacement.

A full integrated lighting system in the \$1,000 to \$3,000 range adds recessed deck board lights, under-rail strip lighting, perimeter floor wash lights, and potentially overhead string light posts or a pergola-mounted lighting grid.

These systems create layered lighting with ambient, task, and accent effects that transform the deck into a true evening living space. The higher cost reflects more fixtures, more complex wiring runs, potential deck board removal and reinstallation to route cables, and often the need for a licensed electrician to install a dedicated outdoor circuit.

Electrical Permit Considerations

Any line-voltage electrical work on your Fredericton deck requires a separate electrical permit, independent of any building permit for the deck structure itself. This is a provincial requirement under New Brunswick's Electrical Installation and Inspection Act. The New Brunswick Building Code also requires that any electrical outlet within 1.5 metres of a deck must be GFCI-protected (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) to prevent shock hazards in wet conditions. If your existing outdoor outlet is not GFCI-protected, upgrading it costs \$150 to \$300 and is mandatory before connecting deck lighting.

Low-voltage LED systems that plug into an existing GFCI-protected outlet generally do not require an electrical permit since no permanent wiring modifications are being made. This is one of the practical advantages of low-voltage systems beyond their lower cost. However, if you want a new dedicated circuit run from your panel to a weatherproof outdoor box on the deck, or if you are installing line-voltage fixtures hardwired into the home's electrical system, a licensed electrician and a permit are required.

Solar-powered deck lights represent the most budget-friendly option at \$15 to \$40 per fixture with no installation cost for a capable homeowner, but their performance in Fredericton's climate is inconsistent. Short winter days, snow accumulation on solar panels, and extended cloudy periods mean solar lights often provide inadequate illumination precisely when you would want deck lighting most during fall and early spring evenings. For reliable performance in New Brunswick, hardwired low-voltage LED systems are the standard recommendation.

Retrofitting lighting onto an existing deck is more expensive per fixture than incorporating lighting during initial construction because wiring must be routed around existing framing rather than installed as the deck is built. If you are planning a deck renovation or staining project in the near future, combining the lighting installation with that work can reduce labour costs by 15 to 25 percent since surfaces are already being accessed.

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How much do aluminum railings cost installed on a deck in Saint John NB?

Aluminum railings installed on a deck in Saint John typically cost between \$60 and \$120 per linear foot, with most homeowners spending \$3,000 to \$7,200 for a complete railing installation on a standard-sized deck. The wide price range reflects differences in railing style, glass or picket infill, and the complexity of the installation.

Standard aluminum picket railings, which feature vertical balusters between a top and bottom rail, sit at the lower end of the range at \$60 to \$80 per linear foot installed. These are the most common choice in Saint John and come in colours like black, white, and bronze that are powder-coated at the factory for long-term durability. For a typical 12x16-foot raised deck with railings on three sides and a stair section, you are looking at roughly 50 to 56 linear feet of railing, which puts the total at \$3,000 to \$4,500 for standard picket style.

Aluminum railings with glass panel infill are the premium option and run \$90 to \$120 per linear foot installed. The glass panels, typically tempered safety glass in either clear or tinted options, provide unobstructed views, which is particularly appealing in Saint John where many properties overlook the harbour, Reversing Falls, or the Kennebecasis River valley. That same 50-to-56-linear-foot installation jumps to \$4,500 to \$6,700 with glass panels. The glass adds weight, which may require reinforced post mounting, and it demands more careful handling during installation, both of which contribute to the higher cost.

Regardless of style, all deck railings in Saint John must comply with the National Building Code as adopted by New Brunswick. Guards are mandatory on any deck surface more than 600 millimetres (approximately 24 inches) above the adjacent finished grade. The minimum guard height is 1,070 millimetres (42 inches), and openings in the guard, whether between pickets or at the base, must not allow passage of a 100-millimetre sphere. These code requirements are non-negotiable and will be checked during your final building inspection.

Aluminum railings offer several advantages over wood or composite alternatives in Saint John's coastal climate. The Bay of Fundy proximity means salt air, fog, and significant moisture exposure that can deteriorate wood railings and hardware quickly. Powder-coated aluminum resists corrosion, does not rot, never needs painting or staining, and maintains its appearance for 20 to 30 years with nothing more than occasional washing. Compared to pressure-treated wood railings at \$30 to \$50 per linear foot, the upfront premium for aluminum is significant, but the elimination of ongoing maintenance costs, which include \$3 to \$6 per square foot for staining services every two to

three years, makes aluminum increasingly cost-effective over time.

Installation typically takes one to two days for a standard deck. Most aluminum railing systems are modular and pre-engineered in standard sections of 4, 6, or 8 feet, with posts that mount either on top of the deck surface or on the outside of the rim joist using fascia-mount brackets. Surface mounting is simpler and less expensive, while fascia mounting provides a cleaner look and slightly more usable deck space.

If your deck in Saint John requires a building permit, which applies to any attached deck or deck over 600 millimetres high, your permit drawings must include railing details showing the guard height, baluster spacing, and post attachment method. The permit fee runs \$100 to \$300 through Saint John's OneStop service.

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What is the average cost for deck staining services in Moncton NB?

Professional deck staining in Moncton costs between \$3 and \$6 per square foot, meaning a standard 250-square-foot deck runs approximately \$750 to \$1,500 for a complete staining job. This price typically includes cleaning, light prep work, and two coats of quality exterior stain applied by an experienced crew.

The per-square-foot cost depends on several factors, starting with the condition of the deck surface. A newer deck or one that was stained within the past two to three years and is in reasonable shape falls at the lower end around \$3 to \$4 per square foot because prep work is minimal. A deck that has been neglected, shows significant greying, has peeling old stain, or exhibits early signs of wood fibre damage requires more intensive preparation and pushes the price to \$5 to \$6 per square foot. Preparation on a weathered deck typically involves power washing with a wood-specific cleaning solution, allowing adequate drying time of 24 to 48 hours, and hand-sanding any rough areas or raised grain before applying stain.

Stain selection affects both cost and long-term performance in Moncton's climate. Transparent stains, which show the full wood grain, cost less per gallon but offer the least UV and moisture protection and typically need reapplication every one to two years. Semi-transparent stains, the most popular choice for Moncton decks, balance wood grain visibility with better protection and last two to three years between applications. Solid-colour stains provide the most protection and longest lifespan at three to five years but hide the wood grain entirely and behave more like paint, which means they can peel if moisture gets underneath. Premium stain brands like Sansin, Sikkens, or Cabot add \$1 to \$2 per square foot compared to builder-grade products, but their longevity in New Brunswick's freeze-thaw conditions generally justifies the premium.

Moncton's climate presents specific challenges that influence staining schedules and costs. The region receives substantial snowfall, goes through numerous freeze-thaw cycles each winter, and experiences humid summers. These conditions break down stain faster than in drier climates, making regular maintenance every two to three years essential for pressure-treated lumber decks. Skipping maintenance cycles does not save money in the long run because deteriorated wood requires more aggressive and expensive prep work, and severely damaged boards may need replacement at \$8 to \$15 per linear foot before staining can proceed.

Railings and stairs add to the total cost because they involve more detailed, time-consuming work than flat deck surfaces. Many contractors charge a premium of 15 to 25 percent for railing staining due to the multiple surfaces and tight spaces involved. If your deck has lattice skirting underneath, expect an additional \$2 to \$4 per square foot for that area because lattice is notoriously labour-intensive to coat properly.

Timing matters for both scheduling and results. The ideal staining window in Moncton runs from mid-May through September when temperatures consistently stay between 10 and 30 degrees Celsius and rain is less likely to

disrupt the curing process. Booking in spring means competing with high demand, so many homeowners schedule their staining for late August or September when contractors have more availability and may offer better pricing. A properly stained deck not only looks better but resists moisture penetration that leads to rot, warping, and premature structural failure in New Brunswick's demanding climate.

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How much does it cost to tear down and replace an old deck in Moncton?

Tearing down and replacing an old deck in Moncton typically costs between \$8,000 and \$22,000 for a standard 200-to-300-square-foot deck, with demolition accounting for roughly \$1,500 to \$4,000 of that total.

The final price depends heavily on the size of the existing deck, how it was built, the materials you choose for the replacement, and whether the existing footings can be reused.

Demolition costs in Moncton break down into labour, disposal, and site preparation. A straightforward teardown of a single-level pressure-treated deck runs about \$5 to \$12 per square foot. For a 250-square-foot deck, that works out to \$1,250 to \$3,000. If the deck has multiple levels, built-in benches, pergola attachments, or is bolted into masonry, expect to pay toward the higher end. Disposal fees at the Greater Moncton region landfill or transfer station add \$200 to \$600 depending on the volume of material. Some contractors include disposal in their demolition quote, while others charge it separately, so clarify this upfront. If the old deck contains any hazardous materials such as older CCA-treated lumber, disposal requirements become more stringent and may add to the cost.

The critical decision during demolition is whether to reuse existing footings. If the original footings were poured to the proper frost depth of approximately 1.5 metres, are structurally sound, and are positioned correctly for your new deck layout, reusing them can save \$900 to \$3,000 on a typical project. A qualified contractor can assess footing

condition during teardown. If new footings are needed, each one costs \$150 to \$350 installed in the Moncton area, and a standard deck requires six to nine of them.

For the replacement deck itself, pressure-treated lumber remains the most popular choice in Moncton and runs \$30 to \$50 per square foot installed, including framing, decking, and basic railings. Composite decking from brands like Trex, TimberTech, or Fiberon increases the cost to \$50 to \$85 per square foot but eliminates the ongoing staining and sealing maintenance that New Brunswick's harsh winters demand. At \$3 to \$6 per square foot every two to three years for professional staining, the long-term math on composite often works out favourably over a 15-to-20-year period.

Since your replacement deck will almost certainly be attached to your house or exceed 600 millimetres above grade, you will need a building permit from Moncton's Building Inspection Division. The permit fee is \$100 to \$300, and you will need to submit a site plan, deck plan with dimensions, a cross-section showing footing depth and framing, and railing details. Allow 2 to 4 weeks for approval. The permit process requires a footing inspection before framing can proceed and a final inspection before use.

One often-overlooked cost is repairing the house exterior where the old ledger board was attached. Removing an old ledger can reveal rot, damaged sheathing, or compromised flashing that needs to be addressed before the new ledger goes on. Budget an additional \$300 to \$1,000 for ledger-area repairs if your existing deck is more than 15 years old.

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Q12

What is the ROI on building a new deck in New Brunswick's housing market?

A well-built deck in New Brunswick typically returns 50 to 75 percent of its cost at resale, making it one of the stronger outdoor improvement investments in the province's housing market. While you are unlikely to recoup the full cost dollar-for-dollar, the return compares favourably to many interior renovations, and the lifestyle value during your years of ownership adds a dimension that pure ROI calculations miss.

New Brunswick's real estate market operates at lower price points than Ontario or British Columbia, which affects how renovation investments translate to resale value. The average home price in the province sits considerably below the national average, so a \$15,000 deck represents a larger percentage of total home value than it would in Toronto or Vancouver. This means the absolute dollar return may be more modest, but the percentage impact on buyer perception and listing competitiveness can be significant. In markets like Moncton, Fredericton, and Saint John, where the housing stock includes many older homes without modern outdoor living spaces, a quality deck can be the differentiator that moves a listing faster.

Material choice has a meaningful effect on ROI. A pressure-treated wood deck costing \$6,000 to \$12,000 for a standard 200-to-300-square-foot build tends to deliver the best percentage return because the investment is lower and buyers see a functional outdoor space regardless of material. Composite decking, which runs \$10,000 to \$20,000 for the same footprint, appeals to buyers who value low maintenance, but the higher cost makes it harder to recoup fully. That said, a composite deck in excellent condition will outperform a weathered, poorly maintained wood deck every time, so the real variable is condition at the time of sale rather than material alone.

Several factors specific to New Brunswick can enhance or diminish your deck's ROI. Homes in waterfront or scenic areas, particularly along the Saint John River valley, Fundy coast, or Moncton's Riverview side, see stronger returns on deck investments because buyers in these areas specifically seek outdoor living features that capitalize on the views. Conversely, a deck on a property with no particular view or privacy may return closer to the 50 percent mark.

Permit compliance is a hidden ROI factor that many homeowners overlook. A deck built without the required building permit, which is mandatory in New Brunswick for any attached deck or any deck more than 600 millimetres above grade, creates a liability at resale. Home inspectors flag unpermitted structures, and buyers either walk away or demand price reductions that far exceed what the permit would have cost. The \$100 to \$300 permit fee and the 2-to-4-week approval process are trivial compared to the \$5,000 to \$15,000 price reduction an unpermitted deck can trigger during negotiations.

Beyond resale math, a deck effectively extends your living space for three seasons in New Brunswick's climate. At a cost of \$30 to \$85 per square foot compared to \$150 to \$300 per square foot for an interior addition, a deck delivers usable square footage at a fraction of the price, which is perhaps the most compelling return of all.

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What is the price difference between a ground-level and raised deck in Dieppe NB?

A ground-level deck in Dieppe typically costs \$25 to \$45 per square foot, while a raised deck runs \$45 to \$85 per square foot or more, meaning a raised deck generally costs 60 to 100 percent more than a comparable ground-level build. The difference comes down to structural requirements, materials, and labour complexity.

For a standard 12x16-foot deck (192 square feet), a ground-level build in Dieppe would run approximately \$4,800 to \$8,600 all in. This type of deck sits close to the ground, often on concrete deck blocks or shallow footings, and uses a straightforward joist-and-decking structure without the need for tall posts, extensive bracing, or railings. Because a freestanding ground-level deck under 600 millimetres (24 inches) above grade is typically exempt from building permit requirements in Dieppe, you also save on the \$100 to \$300 permit fee and the engineering drawings that a permitted deck demands. However, you should always confirm exemption with Dieppe's building department, as municipal interpretations can vary.

That same 192-square-foot deck built as a raised structure, say 4 to 8 feet off the ground to match a main-floor door height, jumps to roughly \$8,600 to \$16,300. The cost increase comes from several factors. First, every footing must extend below the frost line at approximately 1.5 metres depth, which in the Greater Moncton area including Dieppe means significant excavation work at \$150 to \$350 per footing. A raised deck also requires engineered beam-and-post framing with proper lateral bracing to handle both the live load and New Brunswick's snow load requirements of 2.0 to 3.5 kPa depending on the specific location. Posts, beams, joist hangers, and through-bolts for a ledger board attachment all add material costs that a ground-level deck avoids entirely.

Railings are another major cost driver. The National Building Code requires guards on any deck surface more than 600 millimetres above adjacent grade, with a minimum height of 1,070 millimetres (42 inches) and balusters spaced no more than 100 millimetres apart. Pressure-treated wood railings add \$30 to \$50 per linear foot, while aluminum railings run \$60 to \$120 per linear foot installed. On a raised deck with 50 to 60 linear feet of railing, that is an additional \$1,500 to \$7,200 that a ground-level deck simply does not require.

Stairs are yet another expense unique to raised decks. A set of stairs with proper stringers, treads, and a handrail costs \$800 to \$2,500 depending on height and material. Attached raised decks in Dieppe also require a building permit, which means submitting a site plan, deck plan, cross-section, and railing details, then waiting 2 to 4 weeks for approval before breaking ground.

Composite decking narrows the gap somewhat because the decking material cost is the same regardless of height, but the structural framing difference remains significant. If your lot and home layout allow for a ground-level deck, it

is by far the more budget-friendly option in Dieppe.

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How much do deck footings cost in Fredericton NB?

Deck footings in Fredericton typically cost between \$150 and \$350 per footing installed, depending on the footing type and soil conditions. This price includes excavation, the concrete footing itself, and the post anchor or bracket hardware needed to connect your deck posts.

The most common footing method in the Fredericton area is the poured concrete pier using a Sonotube form. A standard 10-inch or 12-inch diameter Sonotube footing runs about \$150 to \$250 per unit when installed by a professional. This includes digging down to the required frost depth, setting the tube, pouring concrete, and installing a post bracket on top. Larger 16-inch diameter footings, which are sometimes required for load-bearing points on bigger decks, push the cost closer to \$250 to \$350 each. A typical 12x16-foot deck requires six to nine footings, so you are looking at roughly \$900 to \$3,150 just for the footing work on a standard project.

Frost depth is a critical factor driving costs in Fredericton. The New Brunswick Building Code requires footings to extend below the frost line, which in the Fredericton region sits at approximately 1.5 metres (about 5 feet). This means every footing hole must be dug to at least that depth, which adds labour time compared to provinces with shallower frost penetration. Rocky or clay-heavy soil, which is common along the Saint John River valley around Fredericton, can further increase excavation costs by \$50 to \$100 per footing if hand-digging or specialized equipment is needed.

Helical screw piles are an alternative that has gained popularity in New Brunswick. These steel piles are mechanically driven into the ground and cost between \$250 and \$400 per pile installed. While the per-unit price is

higher, screw piles eliminate the need for concrete curing time, can be installed year-round, and work well in Fredericton's variable soil conditions. Many contractors now prefer them for their speed and reliability in frost-prone ground.

Bigfoot footing forms, which create a wider base than standard Sonotubes, are another option that runs about \$200 to \$300 per footing. These are particularly useful in softer soils because the flared base distributes the load over a larger area, reducing the chance of settling.

Keep in mind that if your deck is attached to your house or sits more than 600 millimetres above grade, you will need a building permit from Fredericton's Development Officer before any footing work begins. The permit fee runs \$100 to \$300, and you will need to submit a site plan and cross-section drawings showing your footing specifications. A footing inspection is required before you can proceed with framing, so factor in the 2-to-4-week approval timeline when planning your project. Ground-level freestanding decks under 24 inches high are typically permit-exempt, though you should always verify with the municipality.

The bottom line is that footing costs represent roughly 10 to 15 percent of your total deck budget, and cutting corners on them is never advisable given New Brunswick's freeze-thaw cycles.

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Q15

Does building a deck increase home value in New Brunswick?

Yes, building a deck increases home value in New Brunswick, with most homeowners recouping 65 to 80 percent of their investment at resale, making it one of the stronger exterior improvement returns available in the provincial real estate market. The exact return depends on the type of deck, the quality of construction, the neighbourhood, and the overall condition of the home, but a well-built deck consistently ranks among the top

outdoor projects for return on investment across Atlantic Canada.

To put specific numbers to it, a pressure-treated deck that cost \$8,000 to build would typically add \$5,200 to \$6,400 to your home's appraised value. A \$20,000 composite deck would add roughly \$13,000 to \$16,000. These are not guaranteed figures and they vary with local market conditions, but they reflect the general pattern that real estate professionals in New Brunswick observe. The return percentage tends to be slightly higher for modest, well-executed decks than for elaborate high-end builds, because buyers appreciate the added outdoor living space but are less willing to pay a full premium for luxury finishes they might not have chosen themselves.

The reason decks add value in New Brunswick specifically comes down to the province's lifestyle and climate patterns. New Brunswickers have a relatively short outdoor season running from May through October, and homeowners place a high value on spaces that maximize enjoyment during those months. A deck extends the functional living area of the home during the warm season, and real estate listings in Moncton, Fredericton, and Saint John consistently highlight decks as a selling feature. Homes with well-maintained decks tend to photograph better for listings, show better during summer viewings, and create a stronger first impression than homes with bare backyards or deteriorating outdoor spaces.

The type and condition of the deck matter significantly for the value proposition. A pressure-treated deck that has been neglected, with grey weathered boards, loose railings, and visible rot, does not add value and may actually detract from the home's appeal by signaling deferred maintenance. Buyers see a neglected deck and wonder what else has been neglected. Conversely, a composite or well-maintained wood deck with solid railings, clean lines, and a functional layout communicates pride of ownership and attention to detail. If you are building a deck partly for resale value, investing in quality railings and a clean design will serve you better than spending on exotic materials that a buyer may not appreciate.

It is worth noting that New Brunswick does not currently offer specific grants or rebate programs for deck construction. Unlike energy efficiency upgrades, which may qualify for provincial or federal incentives, a deck is considered a lifestyle improvement and is funded entirely out of pocket. However, the property tax implications are relatively modest. While a deck is considered an improvement that can increase your property assessment, the incremental tax increase on a typical residential deck in New Brunswick is generally small, often less than \$100 to \$200 per year depending on your municipality's mil rate.

The neighbourhood context also matters. In a subdivision where most homes have decks or patios, not having one puts your home at a disadvantage. In that situation, building a deck is less about adding premium value and more about maintaining parity with comparable properties. In a neighbourhood where outdoor living spaces are less common, a quality deck can help your home stand out from the competition. Real estate agents in New Brunswick's major markets consistently advise that a deck is one of the first exterior improvements to consider when preparing a home for sale, ranking alongside fresh exterior paint and landscaping as a high-impact, moderate-cost upgrade that

buyers respond to positively.

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How much should I budget for a 20x20 Trex deck in Moncton NB?

You should budget \$18,000 to \$30,000 for a 20x20 Trex deck in Moncton, with the final cost depending on which Trex product line you choose, your railing selection, site conditions, and the complexity of the design. A 400-square-foot deck is a substantial outdoor living space, roughly the size of a large bedroom, and at this scale every dollar-per-square-foot difference in materials adds up quickly.

Trex offers several product lines at different price points, and the line you choose is the single biggest factor in where you land within that \$18,000 to \$30,000 range. Trex Enhance, their entry-level capped composite, sits at the lower end of the composite pricing spectrum and would put a 20x20 deck closer to the \$18,000 to \$22,000 range installed. Trex Select occupies the middle ground at roughly \$22,000 to \$26,000, while Trex Transcend, their premium line with the deepest wood-grain textures and broadest colour selection, pushes toward \$26,000 to \$30,000. All three lines use the same basic technology of a protective polymer shell over a composite core, but the premium lines offer richer aesthetics, better fade resistance, and longer warranty terms.

The substructure beneath your Trex boards will be pressure-treated lumber regardless of which Trex line you choose. For a 20x20 deck, the framing package including posts, beams, joists, blocking, and ledger board typically runs \$3,000 to \$5,000 in materials. The footings for a deck this size require careful planning. You will need approximately nine to twelve footings depending on beam spans and joist sizing, at \$150 to \$350 each, adding \$1,350 to \$4,200 to the project. In Moncton, footings must extend below the frost line at approximately 4 feet deep.

Railings are often an underestimated cost on a deck this size. A 20x20 deck has roughly 50 to 56 linear feet of railing perimeter after accounting for the house wall and stair openings. Trex offers their own railing systems that pair aesthetically with their decking, but you have options at every price point. Wood railings at \$30 to \$60 per linear foot add \$1,500 to \$3,360. Trex or other aluminum railings at \$50 to \$100 per linear foot add \$2,500 to \$5,600. Glass panel railings at \$100 to \$200 per linear foot would add \$5,000 to \$11,200, though glass at the upper end would push your total well beyond the \$30,000 budget. Most Moncton homeowners building a Trex deck at this scale choose a mid-range aluminum or composite railing in the \$60 to \$80 per linear foot range.

Labour for a 20x20 Trex deck in Moncton runs \$25 to \$45 per hour, and a project this size takes a two to three person crew approximately five to eight working days. Labour will represent 40 to 60 percent of your total cost, which is consistent across all decking materials in the New Brunswick market. Trex installation requires attention to the manufacturer's specifications for fastening, gapping, and ventilation beneath the boards, and experienced composite deck installers will follow these requirements precisely to maintain your warranty coverage.

If you are considering design upgrades, here is how they affect the budget. Adding a second level to create a multi-level deck increases the total cost by 20 to 30 percent, pushing the upper range to \$36,000 or more. Built-in deck

lighting runs \$500 to \$3,000 depending on the number of fixtures and whether you choose riser lights, post cap lights, or recessed rail lighting. A picture-frame border using a contrasting Trex colour adds modest material cost but increases labour time. Built-in bench seating, planter boxes, and pergola attachments are all additional costs that should be quoted separately from the base deck price.

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What is the labour cost for deck building in Saint John NB?

Labour costs for deck building in Saint John run \$25 to \$45 per hour for experienced builders, and labour typically accounts for 40 to 60 percent of your total deck project cost. Understanding how labour pricing works in the Saint John market helps you evaluate contractor quotes more effectively and avoid the common mistake of choosing a builder based solely on the lowest number.

The \$25 to \$45 per hour range reflects the spectrum from newer contractors and skilled carpenters working independently to established deck building companies with crews, insurance, WSIB-equivalent coverage through WorkSafeNB, and business overhead. A sole operator working out of a pickup truck can legitimately charge \$25 to \$30 per hour because their overhead is minimal, while a company with a shop, multiple employees, commercial insurance, and a marketing budget needs \$38 to \$45 per hour to cover their costs and earn a reasonable profit. Neither end of the range is inherently better or worse; what matters is the quality of the work, the experience of the builder, and whether they carry proper insurance and comply with WorkSafeNB requirements.

To translate hourly rates into project costs, a standard 12x16 pressure-treated deck in Saint John takes a two-person crew approximately three to five days to build from footing to finished railing. At \$35 per hour per worker for an eight-hour day, that works out to \$1,680 to \$2,800 in labour. The total installed cost for that same deck runs

\$4,800 to \$7,700, so the labour component falls right in the 40 to 60 percent range. A larger or more complex project like a 16x20 composite deck with multiple levels and integrated lighting will require five to eight days of work, pushing the labour portion to \$2,800 to \$5,000 or more.

Most deck builders in Saint John do not actually quote by the hour. Instead, they provide a fixed project price that bundles labour, materials, and a margin for contingencies. This is standard practice and generally works in the homeowner's favour because it shifts the risk of delays and complications onto the contractor. If a project takes longer than expected due to weather, difficult soil conditions, or other unforeseen issues, the contractor absorbs that cost rather than billing you extra hours. When you receive a fixed-price quote, ask the contractor to break it down into labour, materials, footings, railings, and stairs so you can compare quotes from different builders on an equal basis.

Site conditions in Saint John have a meaningful impact on labour costs. The city's terrain is famously hilly, and many properties have sloped lots, rocky soil, or limited access that makes getting materials to the build site more time-consuming. A deck that would take three days on a flat suburban lot in the east side of Saint John might take five days on a steep, rocky lot in the south end simply because of the additional excavation work for footings and the difficulty of maneuvering lumber and equipment. Footing installation is often the most labour-intensive phase, with each footing costing \$150 to \$350 including the labour to dig, form, pour, and set the hardware.

Demolition of an existing deck adds to your labour costs as well. Removing an old deck in Saint John typically costs \$500 to \$2,000 depending on the size of the structure, the materials involved, and the disposal costs for the waste. Pressure-treated lumber cannot go to a standard landfill in many New Brunswick jurisdictions and may need to be taken to a facility that accepts treated wood, which adds to the hauling cost. If your old deck has a concrete pad or masonry components, demolition costs increase further. When comparing quotes, make sure demolition is explicitly included if you have an existing structure that needs to come down before the new deck can be built.

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How much does a composite deck cost compared to pressure-treated in New Brunswick?

Composite decking costs roughly 80 to 100 percent more than pressure-treated lumber upfront in New Brunswick, with composite running \$45 to \$75 per square foot installed compared to \$25 to \$40 per square foot for pressure-treated. However, when you factor in the ongoing maintenance costs that pressure-treated wood demands over a 15 to 25 year lifespan, the total cost of ownership gap between the two materials narrows considerably.

To illustrate the difference with a real-world example, consider a popular 12x16 deck, which is 192 square feet. In pressure-treated lumber, this deck costs \$4,800 to \$7,700 installed in New Brunswick. The same deck in composite runs \$8,600 to \$14,400. That is a difference of \$3,800 to \$6,700 on day one, which is a significant amount of money for most homeowners. Scaling up to a larger 16x20 deck at 320 square feet, pressure-treated comes in at \$8,000 to \$12,800 while composite runs \$14,400 to \$24,000.

The pressure-treated price advantage begins to erode the moment the deck is finished, because maintenance starts almost immediately. A new PT deck should be left to weather for several months before its first stain application, but after that initial treatment, you are looking at restaining every two to three years in New Brunswick's climate. Professional staining costs \$3 to \$6 per square foot, so that 12x16 deck costs \$576 to \$1,152 every time it is stained. Over a 20-year period, assuming staining every three years, you will spend roughly seven rounds of staining at a total cost of \$4,000 to \$8,000. Add that to the initial build cost and your pressure-treated deck has cost \$8,800 to \$15,700 over two decades, which overlaps significantly with the composite deck's one-time installed cost.

Composite decking requires almost no maintenance beyond occasional cleaning with soap and water or a pressure washer on a gentle setting. There is no staining, no sealing, no sanding of splinters, and no replacing boards that have cracked or warped from moisture cycling. Modern capped composite products from manufacturers like Trex, TimberTech, and Fiberon come with 25 to 50 year warranties against structural defects, fading, and staining, which provides genuine peace of mind that pressure-treated lumber simply cannot match.

It is worth noting that not everything about a composite deck is composite. The substructure, meaning the posts, beams, joists, and blocking that support the deck surface, is still built from pressure-treated lumber regardless of what decking material goes on top. This is true across the industry in New Brunswick and everywhere else. So when a contractor quotes you for a composite deck, roughly 30 to 40 percent of the materials cost is still pressure-treated lumber for the hidden framing. The composite premium applies specifically to the decking boards, stair treads, fascia, and sometimes the railing system.

The labour cost component is similar for both materials, running \$25 to \$45 per hour in the New Brunswick market, though composite installation can take slightly longer because the boards require specific fastening systems, precise gapping for thermal expansion, and more careful handling to avoid scratching the finished surface during construction. Labour typically represents 40 to 60 percent of the total project cost for either material.

For New Brunswick homeowners planning to stay in their home for ten years or more, composite is generally the better long-term investment. If you are building a deck on a tight budget, plan to sell within five years, or genuinely enjoy the hands-on maintenance of staining and caring for a wood deck, pressure-treated remains an excellent and proven choice. Both materials, when properly installed with adequate footings and code-compliant framing, will serve you well through New Brunswick's demanding four-season climate.

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What is the average cost per square foot for a new deck in Fredericton NB?

The average cost per square foot for a new deck in Fredericton ranges from \$25 to \$75 installed, with pressure-treated lumber at \$25 to \$40, cedar at \$35 to \$55, composite at \$45 to \$75, and PVC decking at \$55 to \$85 per square foot. These figures include materials, labour, footings, and basic railings for a standard single-level deck. The wide range reflects both the material you choose and the specific conditions of your building site.

Pressure-treated lumber remains the workhorse of Fredericton's deck building market, and at \$25 to \$40 per square foot it offers the lowest entry point for a quality deck. The lower end of that range applies to straightforward ground-level decks on flat lots with easy access, while the upper end covers elevated decks that require taller posts, more complex framing, and additional footings. Pressure-treated lumber is readily available from building supply dealers throughout the Fredericton area, and every deck contractor in the region has extensive experience working with it. The trade-off is maintenance: you will need to stain or seal a PT deck every two to three years to keep it looking good and to prevent the greying, cracking, and splintering that untreated exposure to Fredericton's freeze-thaw cycles causes.

Cedar decking at \$35 to \$55 per square foot gives you a more refined appearance with naturally warm tones and a pleasant scent when freshly installed. Western red cedar is the standard species used for decking in Atlantic Canada, and while it has natural rot-resistant properties, it is not immune to Fredericton's weather. Staining is still recommended every two to three years, and cedar boards are softer than pressure-treated, making them more susceptible to denting and surface wear in high-traffic areas. Cedar availability can fluctuate in the Fredericton market, and prices tend to be higher than what you would find in British Columbia where the wood is harvested.

Composite decking at \$45 to \$75 per square foot has become increasingly popular in Fredericton over the past several years. The appeal is straightforward: no staining, no sealing, no sanding, and a consistent appearance year after year. Modern capped composite boards resist fading, staining, and mould growth far better than the early composite products that gave the material category a mixed reputation. The substructure beneath composite boards is still pressure-treated lumber, so you are not eliminating wood from the project entirely, but the visible surfaces that you interact with daily are essentially maintenance-free. The higher per-square-foot cost is offset over time by the elimination of annual staining costs, which run \$3 to \$6 per square foot each time you have the work done professionally.

PVC decking sits at the top of the price range at \$55 to \$85 per square foot installed. PVC boards contain no wood fibre at all, making them completely impervious to moisture, rot, and insect damage. They perform exceptionally well in Fredericton's wet spring conditions and resist the mould growth that can affect both wood and some composite products. The drawback is that PVC can feel less natural underfoot and expands and contracts more

with temperature changes, requiring careful installation with proper gapping.

Labour costs in Fredericton run \$25 to \$45 per hour for experienced deck builders, and labour typically represents 40 to 60 percent of your total project cost. This means that on a \$50-per-square-foot composite deck, roughly \$20 to \$30 of that cost is labour and the remainder is materials, footings, hardware, and railings. Site conditions that increase labour costs include sloped lots requiring retaining work, limited access that prevents equipment from reaching the build site, and elevated decks requiring scaffolding or extra safety measures. Always get itemized quotes so you can see exactly where your money is going.

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How much does it cost to build a 12x16 deck in Moncton NB?

A 12x16 deck in Moncton will cost between \$4,800 and \$14,400 depending on your material choice, with pressure-treated lumber at the low end and composite decking at the high end. This 192-square-foot deck is one of the most common sizes built in the Moncton area, large enough to comfortably fit a dining table and a small seating area while remaining manageable in terms of both budget and building complexity.

For a pressure-treated lumber deck, which remains the most popular choice in the Greater Moncton area, expect to pay \$4,800 to \$7,700 installed. This price includes the footings, framing, decking boards, a basic staircase, and standard wood railings. Pressure-treated decking runs \$25 to \$40 per square foot installed, and the variation in price depends on the complexity of your site, the height of the deck above grade, the number of footings required, and the contractor you choose. A ground-level deck on a flat lot in Riverview will cost less than an elevated deck on a sloping lot in the north end of Moncton simply because of the additional materials and labour involved in building the substructure.

Cedar decking bumps the cost up to roughly \$6,700 to \$10,600 for the same 12x16 footprint, reflecting the \$35 to \$55 per square foot installed price range. Cedar offers a beautiful natural appearance and better resistance to rot than untreated lumber, but it still requires regular staining and sealing to maintain its look in Moncton's climate. Many homeowners find the maintenance commitment is similar to pressure-treated wood, which is why cedar's market share has declined somewhat in favour of composite options.

Composite decking for a 12x16 deck in Moncton runs \$8,600 to \$14,400 installed, based on the \$45 to \$75 per square foot range. This broad range exists because composite products vary enormously in quality and price. Entry-level composite boards from brands available at local building supply stores cost less than premium capped polymer products like TimberTech or Trex Transcend. The substructure beneath composite decking is still pressure-treated lumber, so you are paying for composite on the surface and stairs while the hidden framing remains wood.

Labour typically accounts for 40 to 60 percent of your total project cost in the Moncton market, with deck builders charging \$25 to \$45 per hour. A 12x16 deck takes a two-person crew approximately three to five days to complete, depending on site conditions and complexity. The footing work is often the most variable cost factor. Each footing runs \$150 to \$350, and a 12x16 deck typically requires six to nine footings depending on the span of your beams and joists. In Moncton, footings must extend below the frost line, which is approximately 4 feet deep, and they need to bear on undisturbed soil or compacted granular fill.

Railings add a meaningful amount to the budget and deserve separate consideration. Basic pressure-treated wood railings run \$30 to \$60 per linear foot, while aluminum railings cost \$50 to \$100 per linear foot and glass panel systems range from \$100 to \$200 per linear foot. A 12x16 deck has roughly 40 to 44 linear feet of railing perimeter after subtracting the house wall and stair opening, so your railing choice can add \$1,200 to \$8,800 to the project. Many Moncton homeowners choose a mid-range aluminum railing system in the \$50 to \$75 per linear foot range as a good balance between appearance, durability, and cost.

Get at least three detailed quotes from established deck builders in the Moncton area, and make sure each quote breaks out materials, labour, footings, railings, and stairs as separate line items so you can compare them accurately.

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