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Deck Construction Checklist

Deck material
Size of holes (minimum diagonal 15" x 42" deep)
Post size (minimum 6" x 6")
Post spacing 8' on center parallel to house
Beam size (beams must be bolted by using ½" nuts and bolts
Ledger size (ledgers must be lagged to house using ½" lags.
Size of deck sections: 1:2:3: (diagonal bracing required for deck over 24" above grade)
Is deck 18" or more above grade?
What is the highest point from grade?
If deck is 30" above grade or more the deck must have stairs, railing, and baluster
Joist size
Railing height (36" minimum)
Railing baluster spacing (a 4" sphere cannot pass through)
Stair rise (7-3/4" maximum)
Stair tread (10" nose-to-nose)

COMPLETED FORM REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION