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Every Great Deck Has A Different Story To Tell.

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The Question We Hear More Than Any Other-

"What Does My Deck Actually Need?"

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One question comes up on almost every deck estimate-

"What does my deck actually need?"

It's a fair question.
From the ground, many decks look almost identical.

But after nearly twenty-eight years restoring decks throughout Downriver and Metro Detroit, we've learned that appearances can be deceiving.

Every deck has its own story to tell.
Our job is to understand that story before recommending the right solution.

Take another look at the photograph above.
It isn't just a beautiful deck.

It's a deck that required someone to stop and ask the right questions before any stain was ever applied.

That's the part most people never see.
A professional deck restoration doesn't begin with a color sample.
It begins with an inspection.
We look at the condition of the wood.
We look for signs of weathering, moisture damage, loose boards, failing coatings, and areas where the sun and Michigan winters have taken their toll.

Sometimes the deck is ready for a simple maintenance coat.
Sometimes it needs to be cleaned and brightened first.
Sometimes an older finish has to be completely removed before a new one can perform the way it's supposed to.

Occasionally, we discover carpentry repairs that should be addressed before any restoration begins.

Every recommendation starts with the same goal.
To give the homeowner the right solution—not simply the most expensive one.

After nearly twenty-eight years, we've learned that every deck has its own history.

Every board tells part of that story.
Our responsibility is to understand what the wood is telling us before recommending how to protect it.
When the preparation is right, the finish performs better.
The deck lasts longer.
And the place where family gathers is ready for many more seasons to come.

Life is the story.

Thank you for allowing A&M Painting & Powerwash to play a small part in helping your family enjoy those moments.

Sincerely,
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🌿 This Week's Conversation

Every week we share one simple homeowner idea that's worth noticing.

Sometimes it's about protecting your home.
Sometimes it's about avoiding an expensive repair.
Sometimes it's simply seeing your home a little differently.

This week's conversation is:

"What Does My Deck Actually Need?"

Throughout the week, we'll share how professionals evaluate a deck before recommending a finish, along with practical homeowner tips, completed projects, and simple ideas to help you protect your investment for years to come.

(Entire image hyperlinks to the A&M Facebook page.)



💡 This Week's Homeowner Tip

One of the most valuable things you can do for your deck is simply pay attention to it.
Walk across it.
Look closely at the boards.

Ask yourself a few simple questions.

- ***Are any boards beginning to cup, crack, or split?***
- ***Is the previous stain fading evenly, or are there areas where it has completely worn away?***
- ***Do railings feel solid?***
- ***Are fasteners beginning to lift?***
- ***Does the wood still feel sound, or is it becoming soft in areas that stay damp?***

None of these signs automatically mean your deck needs major work.
In many cases, they're simply telling you that routine maintenance now can prevent much larger repairs later.

The earlier small issues are identified, the more options homeowners usually have—and the less expensive those options tend to be.

✨ Bonus Tip

Take a few minutes to walk your deck this week.

Look for small cracks, loose boards, worn stain, or fasteners that are beginning to lift.

Small problems rarely stay small.

Catching them early is one of the easiest ways to protect your investment and enjoy your deck for years to come.

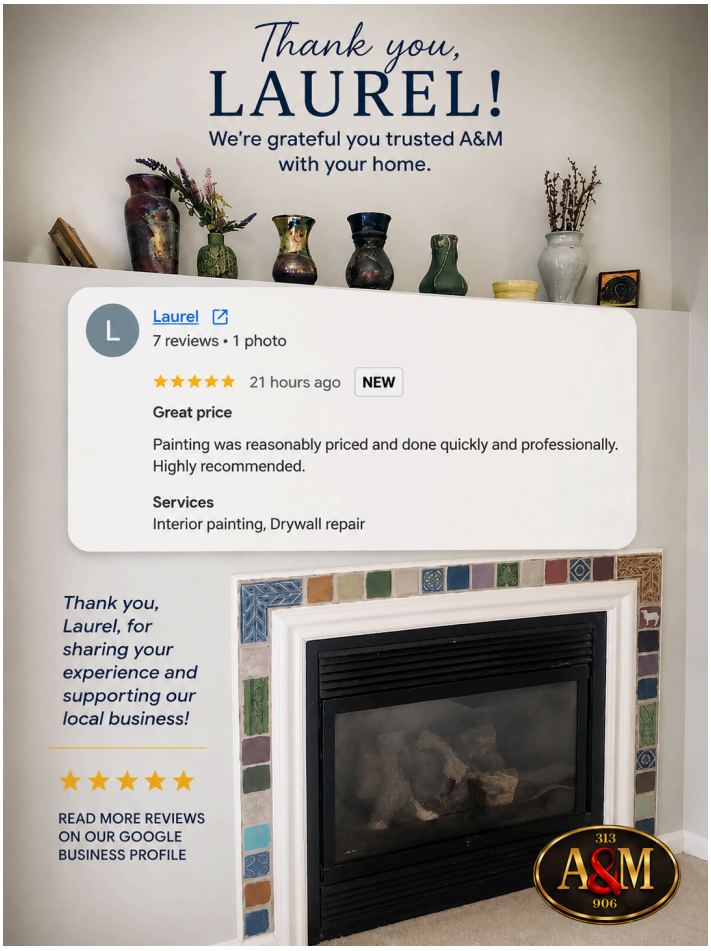
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We're grateful you trusted A&M with your home.
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★★★★★ 21 hours ago NEW
Great price
Painting was reasonably priced and done quickly and professionally. Highly recommended.
Services
Interior painting, Drywall repair
Thank you, Laurel, for sharing your experience and supporting our local business!
★★★★★
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🏡 Recently Completed for a Downriver Homeowner

One of the most meaningful parts of our work doesn't happen while we're painting.

It happens after we've packed up the brushes.
It's the moment a homeowner walks through the front door and quietly thinks...

"It feels like home again."

Sometimes they send us a photograph.
Sometimes they recommend us to a neighbor.
Sometimes they take a few minutes to share a review that helps another homeowner feel a little more confident about choosing the right contractor.

This week, Laurel shared these photos after we completed the interior painting in her home and left this review on our Google Business Profile:

"Great price. Painting was reasonably priced and done quickly and professionally. Highly recommended."

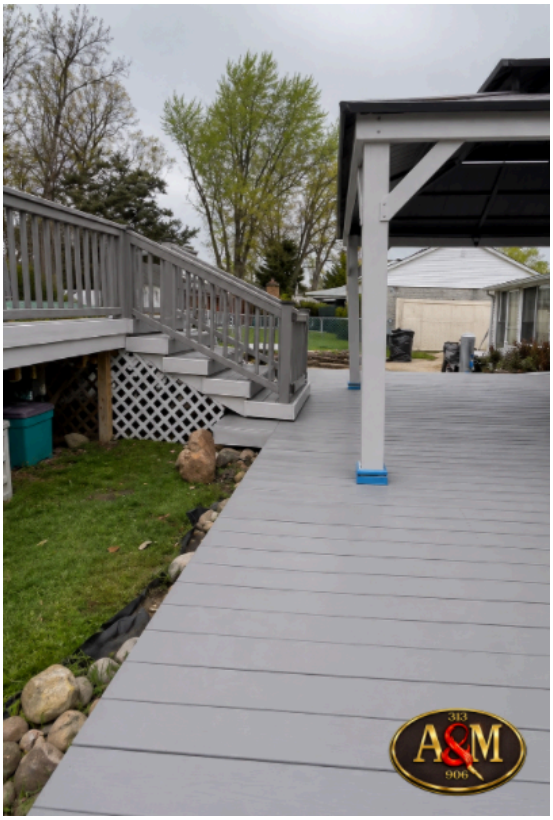
We're grateful for every opportunity to work in homes throughout Downriver and Metro Detroit.

But we're even more grateful for the trust homeowners place in us.
Laurel—

Thank you for welcoming us into your home and for taking the time to share your experience with others.

REQUEST AN ESTIMATE AND RESERVE YOUR PLACE ON THE SCHEDULE





🍂 Not Every Deck Needs The Same Solution

Some of the best evenings of summer are still ahead. If you've noticed water soaking into your deck instead of beading on the surface, fading stain, or wood beginning to look dry, now is an excellent time to have it evaluated.

Most decks don't need to be replaced. They simply need proper cleaning, preparation, and maintenance before another Michigan winter begins.
Taking care of it now helps protect the place where you'll make the rest of this summer's memories—and helps keep it ready for many summers to come.

Reserve Your 2026 Deck Project



🎨 Interior Painting & Cabinet Refinishing

Sometimes the biggest improvement in a home comes from refreshing the rooms you use every day.

Whether it's updating wall colors, refinishing cabinets, or restoring worn surfaces, quality preparation and premium coatings help create results that look beautiful and last.

Interior projects are also a great way to improve your home while outdoor scheduling continues through the busy summer season.

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🎨 Exterior Painting

A long-lasting exterior paint job begins long before the finish coats are ever applied.

Proper washing, preparation, repairs, and priming help protect your home from Michigan's changing weather while creating a finish that performs beautifully for years.

If you're planning an exterior painting project this season, scheduling early provides the greatest flexibility and allows the time needed to prepare every surface the right way before painting begins.

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Why We Do What We Do

For nearly twenty-eight years, our mission has never been simply to paint homes.

It's been to help homeowners enjoy them.

We believe beautiful work begins with careful preparation, honest communication, and doing the right thing—even when nobody is watching.

Every project is an opportunity to create something that lasts, earn a family's trust, and leave a home better than we found it.

That's the standard we've worked to uphold since 1998, and it's the standard we'll continue to bring to every project we undertake.

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✨ Cabinet Refinishing Services

Cabinet refinishing is one of the most effective ways to give a kitchen a fresh, updated look without the expense and disruption of a complete replacement.

Professional preparation, premium Sherwin-Williams coatings, and a carefully applied finish can transform existing cabinets while preserving the layout and character you already enjoy.

If your cabinets are structurally sound but beginning to show their age, refinishing can be a beautiful and cost-effective alternative to replacement.

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A Final Thought...

Thank you for spending a few minutes with us this week.

I hope this newsletter gives you a better understanding of how professional deck restoration begins—not with choosing a stain, but with understanding what the wood actually needs.

Every home is different.
Every deck is different.

Taking the time to make the right diagnosis today can help protect your investment for many summers to come.

If we can ever help you evaluate your deck, or assist with your home's interior or exterior painting projects, we'd be honored to earn your trust.

Until next week...
Enjoy the rest of your summer.

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