

More power to your deck

Now there's an easy and inexpensive way to power lights, fountains or small appliances on outdoor raised decks. The Deck Grommet securely holds an outdoor extension cord that runs underneath the deck, and seals out moisture and debris while in use.

(NAPS) - Americans, it seems, have more leisure time than ever, and more of that time is spent on their decks: Almost 85 percent of U.S. homes have some type of deck.

Decked Out For Delight

Now, many families are finding they want to make their deck do more. For example, they're adding an

outdoor kitchen, a fire pit or a fireplace with seating. Some set up outdoor speakers or decorative lights and fountains.

The Problem

While cooking and eating on your deck are easy, other activities, such as reading at night, listening to music or enjoying that fountain, require a nearby power receptacle. Installing an outdoor electrical outlet usually means calling an electrician. And running extension cords over the deck can be unsightly and unsafe.

An Answer

There is, however, an easy-to-install solution to

put power exactly where you need it on your raised deck: the Red 1/2 Dot Deck Grommet, a rugged polymer housing, constructed to withstand outdoor conditions, that you install in the deck surface. It securely holds an outdoor extension cord that runs underneath the deck and seals out moisture and debris while in use.

Perhaps best of all, it's easy to install:

How to Install It

Trace the bottom end of the flange on the deck surface. Cut out the hole and install the flange into the opening. Secure with the two screws provided.

Install the female end of an outdoor extension cord



into the lid. Snap the lid into the flange in the deck. Plug the opposite end of the extension cord into a GFCI outlet. Open the Red 1/2 Dot Deck Grommet by pulling up the lid and pivoting it

open. Close the lid, with the cord of the device being powered coming out of the slot, so it's flush with the deck surface, making a neat and attractive installation.

Where To Find It

You can find the device at home centers and electrical wholesalers.

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