

Your Nashville Deck Planning Checklist

Work through these before you build. The clearer you are on these ten points, the faster and more accurate your quote will be — bring this to your free consult.

- ☐ **1. Know your goal.**
Entertaining, dining, a hot tub, a pool surround, or just morning coffee? How you'll use the deck drives its size, shape, and where it goes.
- ☐ **2. Measure your space.**
Rough length × width of where the deck will sit. A common Nashville size is around 300–350 sq ft, but yours should fit your yard and your use.
- ☐ **3. Pick a material lane.**
Pressure-treated wood (budget), cedar (natural, mid), or composite/Trex (low-maintenance, longest life). Staying 10+ years usually favors composite.
- ☐ **4. Think about height & slope.**
Is your yard flat or sloped? Raised and multi-level decks cost more but turn a hillside lot into usable space — a Wallaby specialty.
- ☐ **5. Choose your railing.**
Standard wood/aluminum is usually included. Cable or metal adds a few thousand; glass railing varies widely with size — from a few thousand to \$40,000+ on a large, premium deck.
- ☐ **6. Plan the extras.**
Pergola, built-in benches, lighting, stairs, a pool deck? List the add-ons that matter so they're in the quote, not a surprise later.
- ☐ **7. Set a budget range.**
Most Nashville decks run \$20k–\$45k, and large or premium builds (glass railing, high-end materials) run higher. Knowing your range keeps the design realistic; financing can spread the cost (~\$264/mo per \$40k).
- ☐ **8. Check access.**
Can a crew and materials reach the backyard? Tight access affects labor and timeline. Note any gates, slopes, or obstacles.
- ☐ **9. Permits & timeline.**
Most Middle TN decks need a permit and engineering for the ledger. We handle Davidson, Williamson, Wilson & Sumner. Plan 1–3 weeks to build after design.
- ☐ **10. One team for the whole backyard.**
Adding a pool or outdoor living too? Building it all with one team and one schedule beats hiring three contractors who don't coordinate.

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