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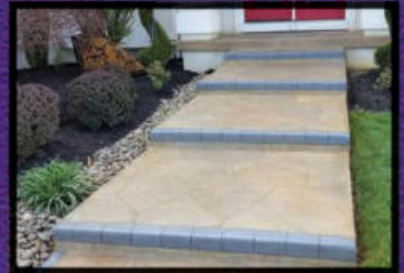
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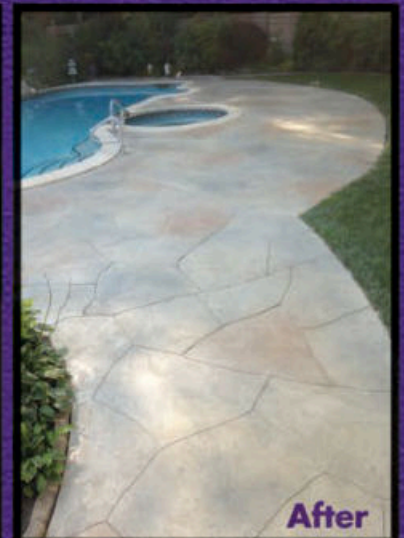
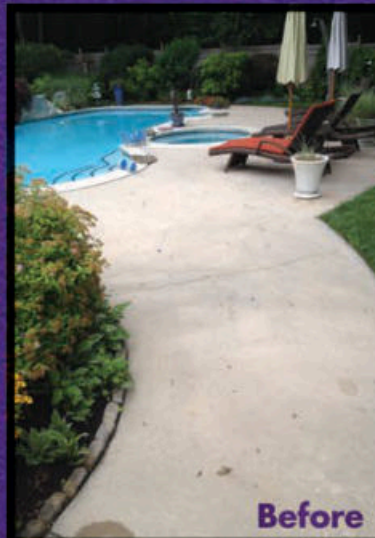
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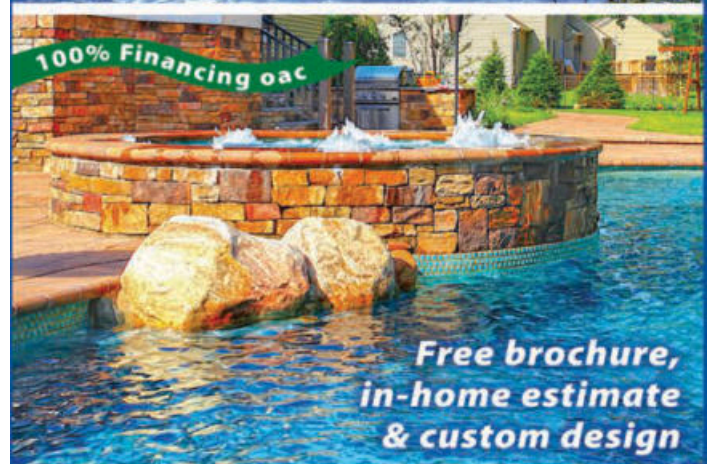
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The bathroom is the bookend on our day—the place where we get ready for work or a night on the town—and when it's not functional or beautiful, life becomes more stressful.

Approaching a bathroom remodel can be exciting as long as you have the right help along the way. In this issue on page 12, we tapped some of the region's leading experts for their advice on everything from lighting to tile.



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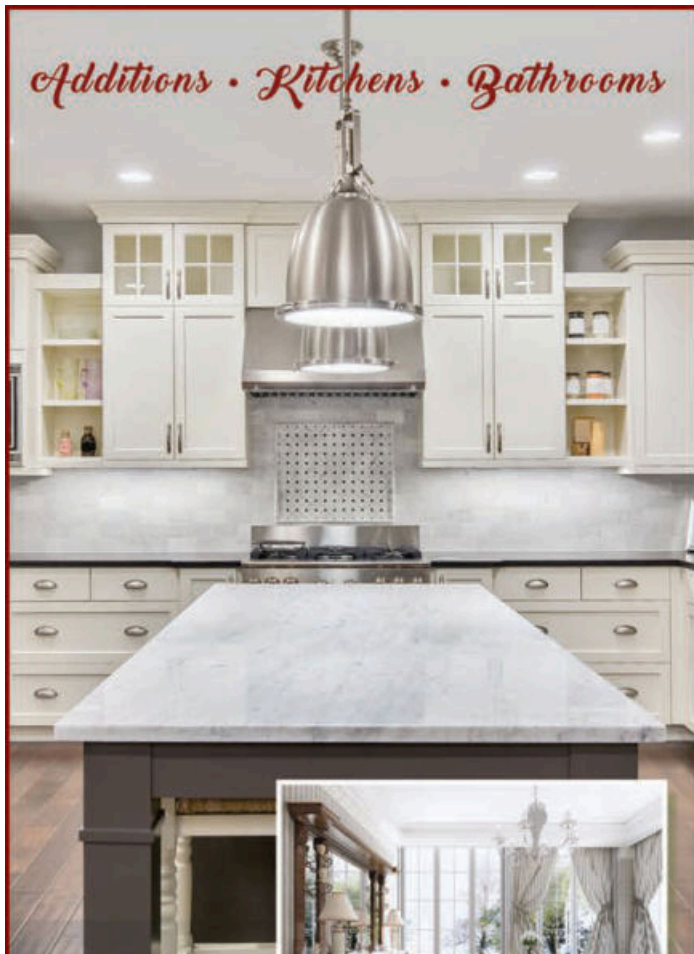
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It's the one room we spend a lot of our time getting ready in whether it's work in the morning or freshening up for a night out on the town. Having an invigorating bathroom that complements your home can be the make or break from a spa-like atmosphere to an outdated eyesore. Not knowing where to start in the process, what materials to use or what the latest trends are can become overwhelming for any homeowner. That's why *House & Home* spoke with the professionals for a straightforward guide to bathroom remodels.

Time for a New Look

BY LAUREN KUBIAK

What can homeowners typically expect out of the initial meeting and budget planning for a bathroom remodel?

When I receive a call for an inquiry, one of the things that I'm most interested in is learning as much as I can about what each and every individual homeowner is really looking for. A lot of it stems from understanding how long they're going to be in the home and their commitment to that home. ... What I might recommend would be based on [that answer].

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Q:

What goes into coming up with a bathroom design for a homeowner?

We like to be in the space we will be redesigning and remodeling while we talk to our clients about the project. This helps us understand why the space isn't working for their lifestyle and start to explore changes we want to make. ... We also want to know what are our clients' tastes and style preferences. When we get back to the office, we apply what was discussed onsite with the new plans and combine in our finishes and selections to match their taste. Our design development period can last a couple of weeks to sometimes over a month as we go through every aspect of the project in detail. We usually meet at our showroom and review both the technical plans and 3D renderings to cover any changes and review the overall look to determine if we are achieving the results our customers are seeking.

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Q:

What are the different countertop options homeowners have to choose from?

Through the years countertops have changed for both kitchens and bathrooms. [Options] for bathroom vanities [include] cultured marble; while this may be affordable, after a few years many sinks start to spider crack [making it look] unsightly. ... Granite is a really good option for bathrooms and kitchens, for the bath you can have the shower seat and shelves made to match the countertop, the sink can be undermounted. ... There is a wide array of colors of granite but most would be the warmer earth tones. The look of marble is really nice but for a high-use area it's generally not a great option due to staining and scratching.

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Q:

What advice do you have for homeowners when it comes to bathroom lighting?

I wouldn't be afraid of how much lighting you can put into a bathroom. A lot of the lighting that you can put into the bathroom can be adjustable. There are dimmer switches that can be put on to certain lights in the bathroom. ... I like smaller lights myself rather than the larger ones like a 5- or 6-inch light. I go with the smaller one not because they're weaker in strength, I just like the finished look of a smaller light versus a larger one.

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Q:

What are popular bathroom colors you're seeing for this upcoming season?

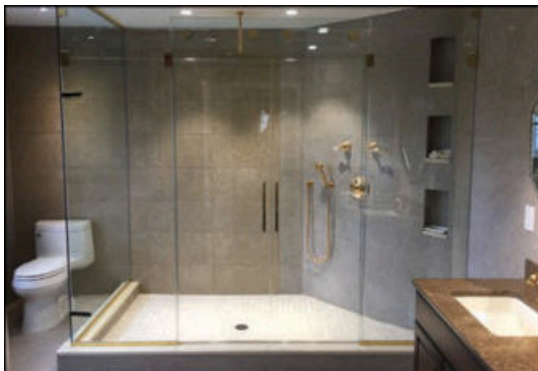
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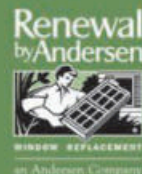
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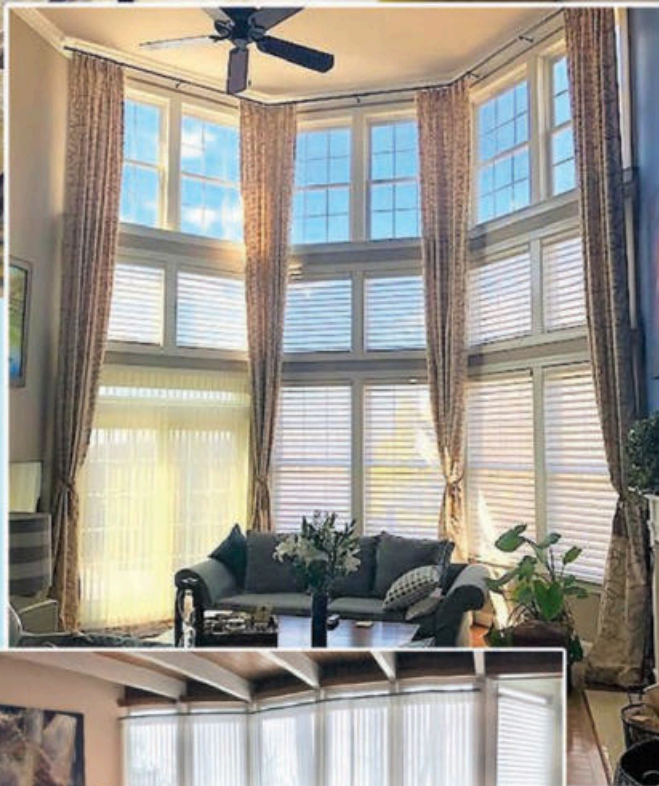


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HEAT THINGS UP

Incorporating a spa or hot tub into your home adds more than you'd expect.

by Lindsey Getz

Adding a hot tub or spa (terms which we'll use interchangeably as they mean the same thing) to your outdoor space is a great way to be able to relax and unwind after a long day. Imagine being able to soak in the soothing warm water as the worries of your day fade away; or giving the adults a space to gather while the kids play in the nearby yard or pool. From therapeutic benefits to entertainment, a hot tub can do all of that—and more.

TO ATTACH OR NOT TO ATTACH?

Mike McCool, general manager of Swim-Mor Pools & Spas says that adding a spa to your pool area can definitely up the ante on the overall entertainment factor. People tend to gravitate to a spa as a “hang-out spot.”

“At my house, we have a pool, but the kids are all hanging out in the spa, gathered around on the bench,” McCool says. “They love the air bubbles. There’s a fun aspect to the spa and it’s a more intimate hang-out space than a pool.”

Swim-Mor builds in-ground (built-in) spas. McCool says that you can heat only the spa if you don’t attach it to the pool—which gives you more usability in the early spring and late fall.

However, many homeowners prefer the aesthetic appearance of a spa that is attached to their pool. It can be built so that water spills over, providing an attractive water feature.

Even so, if you’re going to be a serious hot tub user—and want to be able to use it year-round—

then Janet Raines, sales manager for Raines Pool Service/ Arctic Spas of Newtown, says to choose a stand-alone hot tub. A detached hot tub can be used 365 days a year.

“With a stand-alone hot tub, you can fully adjust your temperature throughout the summer, bringing it down so it’s not as hot,” she says. “But you can also raise the temperature in the winter when it’s really cold outside. There is nothing more relaxing than going out to sit in your hot tub and look up at the stars after a fresh-fallen snow. This is something you simply couldn’t do with a spa that is attached to a pool that you’d shut down along with the pool.”

PLENTIFUL HEALTH BENEFITS

The understanding that soaking in hot water provides important health benefits is nothing new. In fact, the Romans and various other ancient cultures utilized warm mineral springs to enjoy the relaxation benefits. Today, a number of different studies have validated what has already long been understood—warm water soaks are good for you. Research shows that

soaking in hot tubs and warm baths can increase cardiovascular health, relieve pain and even boost one’s mood.

“The benefits of a hot tub are awesome for people who have health issues—as well as those who are just looking to

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Athletes and weekend warriors alike also appreciate the benefits of soaking their muscles in warm water. Imagine relaxing in the hot tub after a long run or after a round of golf or tennis. Many who use hot tubs for muscle

relaxation say that it helps relieve aches and pains.

“Spas can provide fantastic therapy,” agrees Raines. “The jets in an Arctic Spa are oscillating and provide more of a therapeutic massage than most, which are typically stationary. You can also adjust the jets to massage where you need them to. Along with the heat of the water, this provides really great therapeutic benefits.”

EXCITING TECHNOLOGY

Spas have also come quite a long way over the years. There are many new features that homeowners might not even realize exist.

“Arctic Spas have salt chlorine technology allowing you to adjust your chlorine through an app on your phone or smart device,” says Raines. “Without this, there are two ways to sanitize the hot tub—a floating brominator or manually adding

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chlorine powder. One of the spa owners' biggest complaints is often how involved it is to keep up with the water chemistry. But when you have salt generation with automation, it eliminates the hassle."

Povlosky agrees that the technology has come a long way.

"An exciting feature for hot tubs is the Freshwater salt system," she adds. "It's new and improved and provides easy, great, clean water for everyone. We also have the Connexion which is great for people to monitor their hot tub via an app they can access whenever. Turn your hot tub on and set it the way you like when you're on your way home. Everyone has been loving it."

Povlosky says that the different hot tubs they carry also all have lighting systems. They can change to different colors and you can also dim them. This really allows you to set a mood and increase the enjoyment factor.

In terms of durability, today's spas are built to last.



"Arctic Spas are made in northern Canada for Canadian winters so they can certainly handle the conditions here," says Raines. "They are made for the world's harshest climates."

With so many different options

out there, be sure to do your research so that you can feel confident that you've chosen the spa that is best for you. Soon, you'll be on your way to enjoying your backyard even more.

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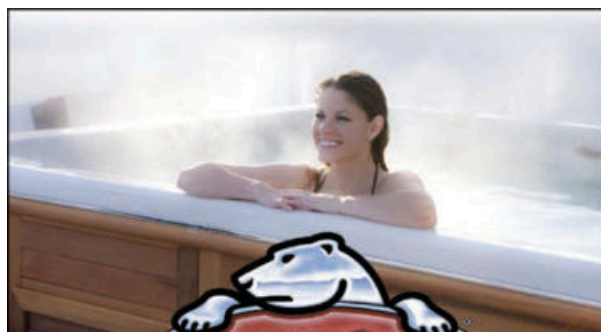
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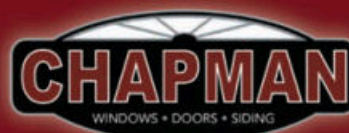
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Building on your outdoor living space and other landscaping trends for 2020.

BY DANIEL SEAN KAYE

AS THE SUMMER SLOWS TO A HALT, our minds just naturally turn to next year. How will we change our landscape? What neat things can we try in the space? What should we be thinking of now so everything will be ready in the spring? This year's trends are leading to next year's realities, so *House & Home* wanted to find out what cool ideas the experts say will come into play for 2020.

What's hot, what's not

"The outdoor living space has continued to grow each year," says Sam Waddell, owner of SLS Landscaping. "[Homeowners want] the multi-faceted patio with a kitchen (grill, sink, refrigerator), fireplace and landscape lighting and sound. People want the complete environment where they can have family and friends come to sit and relax and enjoy all of the amenities of the indoors outside. Our designers are continually challenged to develop stunning and functional spaces and landscapes to meet our clients' visions and create the 'wow' factor in the backyard."

Dean Johnston, owner and designer of Johnston & Associates, agrees that more outdoor entertaining is the biggest trend. "We are installing more outdoor kitchens than before. After that, fire features. We try to make outside spaces usable all throughout the year, so with our kitchens we're installing roofs or retractable awnings. We're



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installing fireplaces or the traditional fire pits. We're also seeing more with fire and water features. These are either poolside features or worked into a pondless water feature that blends a fire ring that fits just above the water level. The effects are outstanding," he says.

For those clients who cannot afford everything at once, phase landscaping is popular. "We like to show what the space can look like and then show how we can install it in a few years as budgets allow. This gives the client the option to install their perfect space in steps," Johnston says.

"Technology will continue to emerge, making control of landscape lighting, irrigation systems and outdoor audio easier than it has ever been," says Michael Pasquarello, a degreed landscape architect with Elite Landscaping. "Color changing/brightness-controlled LED light fixtures, irrigation systems that sync to local weather stations and are totally WiFi driven, outdoor audio systems that would make any professional DJ jealous—all of these manipulated and controlled by the smartphone we all currently have."

Nick Nykorcuk, president of Creative Pavers, adds additional outdoor elements like outdoor TVs and covered roof lounging areas, built-in heating strips around the top of a pergola or pavilion or multiple dedicated gas lines to connect to portable patio heaters, shade structures or ceiling fans and screened-in portions to create a mostly bug-free experience can all be controlled via smart device.

For their mood benefits, water features will continue to be a popular request. "Pondless



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waterfalls and fountains will continue to be popular due to their low-maintenance aspect," says Jason Turpin, owner of Turpin Landscape Design. Plus they are still able to provide the serene sounds and sights of moving water, which people really enjoy in the landscapes. "The trend seems to be moving away from formal ponds towards more natural-looking water features, including incorporating waterfalls and small streams with lots of natural stone, and winter hardy plantings," says Turpin.

West Coast trends are creeping into our area now. "Projects are getting larger and a seamless transition from indoors to outdoors is important. It seems like the Northeast has taken these design cues from what's been going on in California for decades," says Jeffrey Woehr, natural stone division manager with NJ Gravel & Sand.

He says flagstone—both naturally irregular shaped and dimensional cut squares and rectangles—is wanted for patios, walkways, pool decks, etc., and thicker versions are being used for step treads, pool copings, fireplace hearths and mantles. Bluestone is by far the most popular stone used for these purposes, but he also keeps many alternative stones from around the world in stock. "The ability to cut natural stone at a 1½-inch thickness, rather than the traditional 4- to 8-inch thickness has allowed designers and installers to consider stone veneer for more projects," he adds. "It's now easier and less expensive to get a great looking stone façade on your house, landscape wall or outdoor fireplace. These products allow natural stone veneer to compete more effectively with artificial stone veneer—a trend I expect will continue to grow."



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High-end design for outdoor living is trending away from concrete paver hardscapes to natural stone materials.”

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“High-end design for outdoor living is trending away from concrete paver hardscapes to natural stone materials,” says Woehr. “I see porcelain taking a larger share of the concrete paver market in the future. Both concrete pavers and porcelain often try to imitate natural stone, but porcelain does a better job of it than concrete.”

Homeowners are moving away from the serpentine looks of the last decade and embracing sleek, tight lines, says Nykorczyk. “Smooth products in larger sizes are more desirable, since they keep with the clean look of the space. Some manufacturers have created pre-sealed hardscape products that have a built-in protection layer for the pavers, reducing the amount of maintenance and wear and tear,” he says.

Emerging trends

In the future, there will be new ideas of how to extend the use of the space, says Nykorczyk. “With more elements being sought after, once you put all of these components together, the cost can get very high. So it becomes important in our region to plan something that can extend the number of months of use well into the cooler times of year.”



He sees more indoor/outdoor rooms (or “three-season rooms”) being created to serve as transitions between the home’s inside and the fully open backyard. “I also see homes being designed (or modified) to have more open access points with the outdoors to create a better flow and connection to the space,” he says. “We’ve seen larger homes have a single door leading to the backyard which creates a sort of bottleneck when going in and out. We’ve come up with designs that expand on the existing door and we have even added more doors along the back of the home that lead outside to give a much better connection to the outdoor space.”

While travertine for patios isn’t new, using it around pools will grow in popularity, says Johnston. “This is an imported stone. The nice thing about that is there is no or little iron in the stone, allowing for a cooler touch especially around pools that have a lot of bare feet and kids,” he says. “This is a

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“I think we’ll be seeing greater interest in swim ponds and natural recreational ponds,” says Turpin. To keep pond water quality high, the simple process of repeatedly turning the water over through the mechanical and biological filters is needed in order to create a naturally balanced, low-maintenance ecosystem pond. Add the remaining components of plants, aeration, rock and gravel, and you’ll find greater success in maintaining clean and clear pond water, he adds.

Waddell says more people will want the “one-stop shopping” opportunity for their total outdoor environment. “[Companies] will design the entire environment to include the swimming pool, cabana, patio/pool deck, fireplace and kitchen and landscaping,” he says. “When you have the perfect pool, patio and amenities, your home becomes the place your friends want to hang out. Whether the project is completed in one season or phased over a period of time, [clients will want] to work with one company and contact to see the entire project through to completion.” **H&H**



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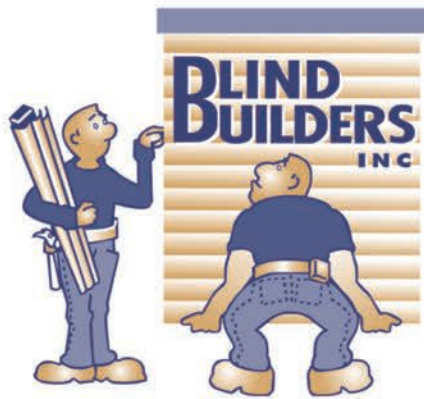


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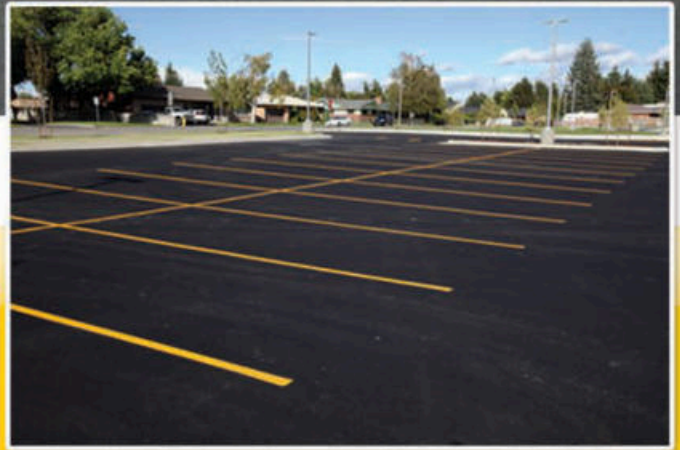
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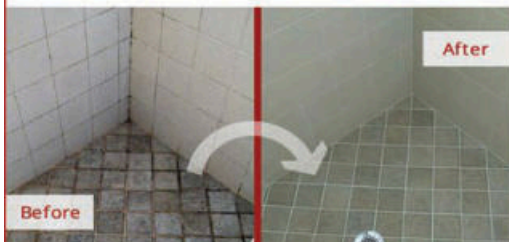
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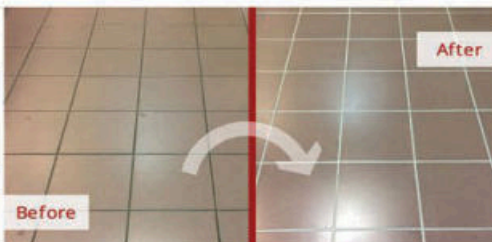
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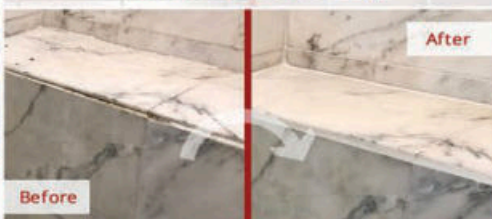
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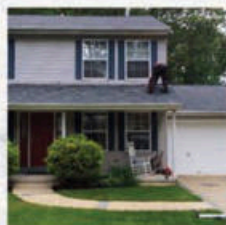
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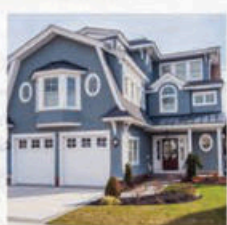
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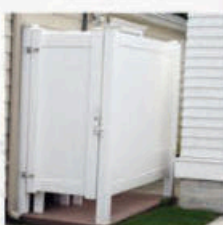
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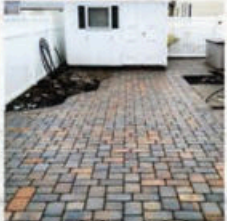
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A New Deck by Next Summer

As the fall weather sets in, now is the time to start planning for that backyard deck.

Summer is high season for outdoor decks, what with all the warm weather, barbecue and backyard parties. But while the sunny season is perfect for enjoying a deck, it's not the only time of year to be thinking about how to enhance your backyard.

In fact, local deck builders say that if you've just missed the mark for a summer build, now is the time to start planning out your new deck or scheduling a refurbishment.

"This time of year, things are not as rushed," says Omar Stoltzfus of Deck Craft Plus. "You're not trying to get it done

quickly before your summer parties. So, you have more time for the homeowner and you have more time for the contractor to focus on your deck."

Joe Oakes, general manager for First State Building & Design, agrees.

"At this point, the time-frame has passed to try and fit in a backyard remodel project for this summer," he says, adding that people who contact a deck builder now can be scheduled for a fall or early winter build—giving you plenty of time before next year's high season.

REPAIRING AN OLD DECK

If you've been staring out at your deck all summer thinking about when in the world you are going to get the old thing refurbished, now, with summer behind us, could be the time. The first step to see if you are a candidate for re-decking is the evaluation.

"The structural elements under the deck have to be assessed to make sure that we're not putting a large investment on top of a rotting understructure," says Juan Cardona, owner of Archadeck of Chester County. "The structures under the deck are reusable even 30 years later, 20 years later, as

long as they were properly built to begin with."

In general, getting a deck redone is less costly than a complete new build but it's not always a sure investment.

"Once a deck gets to a certain age, over 20 years, the material is just to the point to the end of its life," says Joseph Kalnas, general manager for My Deck. "And a lot of times we are recommending to the clients to just take it down and start fresh, because you're spending a lot of money on maintenance-free [materials]. So, it's good to have a foundation that is as new."

The other issue homeowners run into with refurbishing older decks is building codes that were not in place when the original

deck was built.

"Refurbishing an existing deck is a roll of the dice," Oakes says. "We abide by much stronger code when it comes to building in today's world."

Still, along with measures taken to make the deck code compliant, if the frame of your deck is solid, refurbishing can be an economical and practical solution for many homeowners.

DESIGNING THE SPACE

Starting at the beginning of your deck design process? Well, one of the first questions you'll want to ask yourself is what you envision using your new deck for.

"Is there a large party event that you want to have space for?" says Keith Fry of Amazing Decks. "Or are you just looking for a small, quaint area for the husband and wife

using your deck can be sign that there is something missing.

"Sometimes [people] say they don't use [their deck] because there [are] too many bugs and then maybe you can talk to them about possibly screening it in for them," Cardona says.

ADD-ONS

Besides screens, there are many other add-ons that can make a deck more enjoyable.

"We do a lot of fire pits—like sunken areas which are offset of the existing deck, which define an existing space," Kalnas says.

Other popular additions include pergolas, an outdoor sound system, bar tops and hot tubs. But one of the best ways to make a deck more pleasant is to add custom lighting, which will not only



to go sit on?"

Fry says other questions to think about include whether you plan to add a pool or hot tub in the future and if you want a roof structure for shade or a grilling area for cooking.

How often you will use your deck is another consideration.

"Some customers have a deck [and] they rarely use their deck," Cardona says. "But they want to have one. And with that thought in mind, you don't want to make a really large investment if you rarely use it for whatever the reason."

Although sometimes not

allow you to use it in the evening but can also be used to set a mood.

"LED lighting is really the only way to light up an outdoor space anymore," Kalnas says. "You can mount lighting underneath the railing as we do on a lot of our projects. ... You can do accent lighting in certain places and really create an atmosphere."

Outdoor kitchens are another feature that is often requested by homeowners.

"That's another item that we're beginning to see more and more people go for," Cardona says. "Rather than just a



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Decks are a huge investment, and they can be susceptible to pests that could do damage from the inside out. Craig Sansig, technical services manager for Viking Pest Control, says decks are susceptible to insects even in the fall.

The most common species that infest decks includes carpenter bees, carpenter ants and termites. "They can get into untreated, unpainted areas, or into the area where the deck mounts to the house where debris and moisture gets trapped," he says. "Termites are active from spring to fall. It may

be warm enough during the day but at night they will stay active below ground."

Sealing a deck with sealant or polyurethane or paint is a good long-term solution, he says.

Keeping the area under a deck clean of debris is also important. "If yard debris is under a deck, it supports other species like cave crickets, rodents and centipedes," Sansig says. "We can work in conjunction with a landscaping service to maintain that area and apply insecticide and bait products to eliminate those species."

standard grill, they'll do a built-in kitchen area. So, a built-in grill, maybe a sink on the side."

MAINTENANCE-FREE LIVING

When it comes to choosing the materials for your deck, products that offer maintenance-free living—PVC or composite decking—are all the rage.

"Your upfront cost is more

expensive but if you consider the fact that this product will last as long as you live there, unlike wood, which needs constant maintenance and may need to be replaced again in 10 to 20 years," Stoltzfus says, "it's just generally the best way to go if you can."

Cardona agrees and says about 85 percent of the work his company does is with composite materials.



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DESIGN

"The designs we specialize in are curves," Fry says. "We're actually bending the product so it's not the straight lines. ... It adds a flair to the deck because everything is custom-made and custom-curved around certain landscape projects."

Multi-width decking is another way to give your deck a more dynamic look. Because these boards vary in width, they can be used to create variation.

"You still kind of create a pattern," Stoltzfus says. "But it's more to break up the monotony of it."

Bordering can also be used to break up the repetitiveness of a

deck design.

"Bordering in different tones [and] colors can give a real nice accent," Kalnas says. "When you're changing colors and texture, putting it together tastefully, it makes a project come together."

And intermixing stonework and custom metal into the design can help with adding texture.

"Modern mixed with rustic style is huge for us right now," Oakes says. "Stonework mixed with natural wood is always beautiful. Custom metal work that we can incorporate into the build is a specialty that we like to do."

Railings are another area where deck builders can get creative. One of the most popular types right now is cable railing.

"It's very thin, so it opens up the view quite a bit, Cardona says. "If you have a really nice view off of your deck, cable railing is a really nice option."

Cable rail can be horizontal or vertical, the latter of which is ideal for families who worry about their children climbing the railing.

A WELL THOUGHT-OUT PLAN

With so many design options to choose from, it can be a bit overwhelming to have to make so many decisions at once. But if you begin the design and planning process as the fall season is rolling in, then trying to create your

dream deck before next summer can be a less stressful endeavor.

"It takes time," Fry says. "Don't rush into it. That way it is a well thought-out plan of what you're doing in your backyard to tie everything together."

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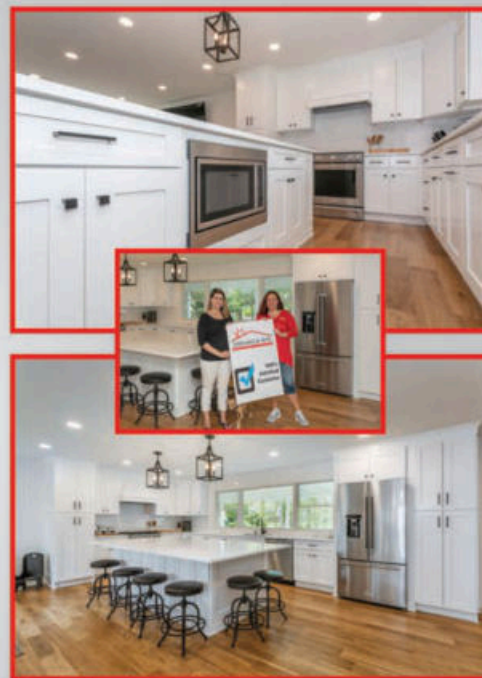
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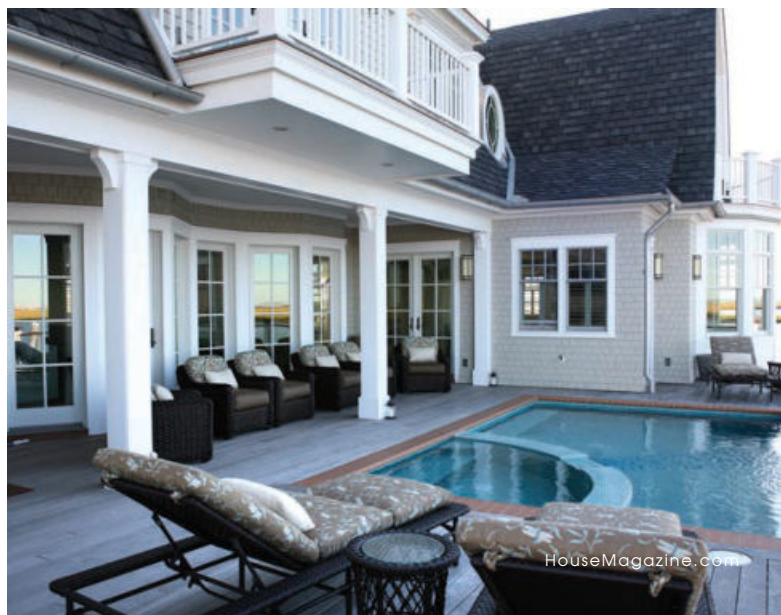
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Kitchens are where many of our memories take place. Even the simplest kitchen will host some of our best times and the warmest memories of friends and family. Here is a story written by my mother who passed away this fall about the simplest of kitchens and the happiness that she remembered there:

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One night, my husband arrived home from work with a bottle of champagne and wonderful news. He had just received a big promotion and a very substantial salary increase. While eating dinner at our little

kitchen table with the baby next to us in his high chair, we toasted to his new job and our new house.

It is now more than 50 years later and I still remember that antiquated kitchen and the joy and happiness we experienced in it.

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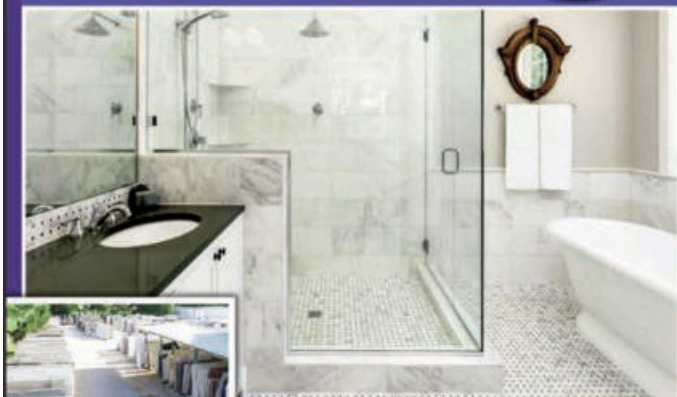
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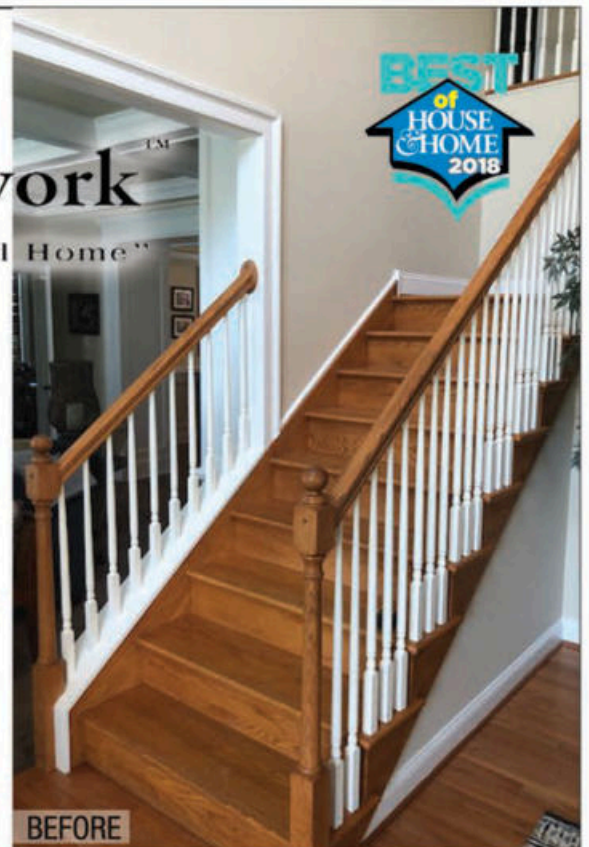
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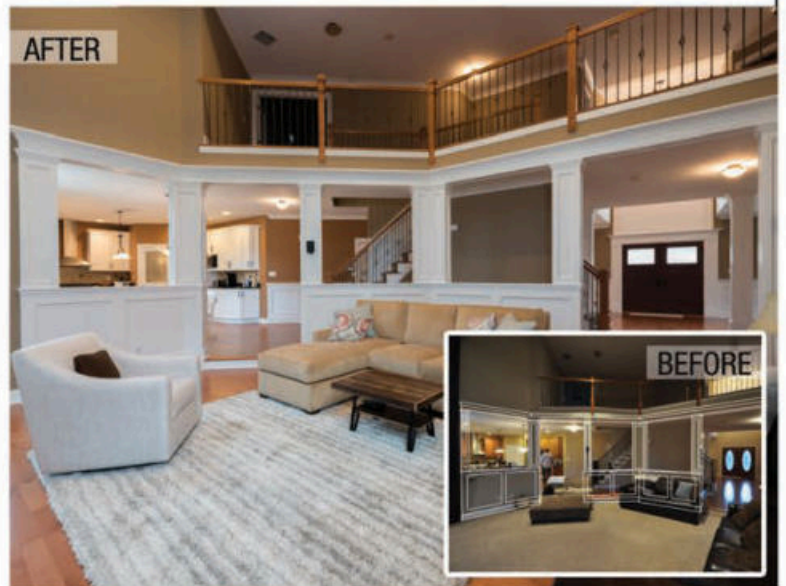
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