

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Create A Tropical Paradise In Your Own Backyard

(NAPSA)—Even if you can't get away to an exotic locale this year, you can still escape to a tropical paradise—without ever leaving home. Thanks to a new crop of tropically inspired outdoor living products and accessories, converting your backyard into an oasis is easier than ever.

“Tropical-inspired designs are extremely popular right now in outdoor living,” explains Adam Zambanini, vice president of marketing for Trex, the world's largest manufacturer of wood-alternative decking and railing. “Combining warm, nature-inspired hues and textures, these exotic looks are ideal for creating a luxurious, restful backyard retreat.”

Here are some tips for transforming your outdoor living space into an exotic getaway—no passport required:

Lights, Color, Accents: Add ambiance for cocktail parties or evening cookouts with dimmable LED deck lighting and create an inviting lounge area with comfortable, durable outdoor furnishings. Even if the budget is tight, adding vibrant pillows or tropical flowers and plants can serve as a quick and colorful pick-me-up.

Take Your Cues from the Tropics: When it comes to decking and railing, look for colors that are rich and saturated and draw inspiration from exotic streaked hardwoods, such as the new tropical



Your yard can look lush and lovely when you decorate it with tropical colors and decking that looks like exotic hardwood.

additions to the Transcend line from Trex. Offered in vibrant colors such as Spiced Rum (a warm, earthy umber) and Lava Rock (a rich reddish-black), these exotic wood looks lend themselves beautifully to a relaxing, resort-style setting.

Go Green: Opt for eco-friendly outdoor living products made of recycled materials, which both protect and enhance the environment. Wood-alternative decking (made from recycled plastic bags) boasts the beauty of tropical hardwoods, without the environmental stresses associated with importing

these endangered materials. It also requires no sanding, staining or power washing, so you can spend more time enjoying—rather than maintaining—your outdoor living space.

For more tips on designing an exotic outdoor living space, call (800) 289-8739 or visit www.trex.com. The site features helpful information along with user-friendly online tools, including a Color Visualizer and Deck Designer, which allow visitors to experiment with different products, finishes and layouts.