

Your Yard

Low-Maintenance Materials Key To A Relaxing Outdoor Living Space

(NAPSA)—Having outdoor living space is important to today's homeowners, but, according to MarketWatch, homeowners no longer want huge yards to maintain. They want smaller yards, complete with entertaining centers and grilling and dining areas. Designing these spaces is much like designing an outdoor living room. While many are looking to incorporate outdoor space that will improve their home's curb appeal, no one wants the headache of maintenance, repair and upkeep.

While a traditional wood fence or deck can look beautiful when first installed, it takes time and money each year to treat, stain, paint and keep up appearances after every winter. With both vinyl and composite options available, homeowners have high-quality, worry-free alternatives that can meet their maintenance needs. With a low-maintenance picket fence or backyard deck, they can rest easy knowing that all that is needed is a quick washing with a garden hose to keep them looking new.

After a few years, a wood fence that has been exposed to the elements may rot, resulting in less stability and a shorter life span, not to mention the wood will quickly lose its luster. A low-maintenance vinyl fence is an ideal alternative to wood because it is beautiful, durable and built to last, providing years of enjoyment with virtually no upkeep necessary. Unlike wood, it will not warp, rot, splinter, peel or blister.

Many low-maintenance materials such as vinyl also allow for unbelievably realistic woodgrain



The look of fine wood with the easy care of vinyl is available for fences and decks these days.

textures and provide a wide array of color and style options. For example, CertainTeed's EverNew decking and railing lines offer 19 rich shades and multichromatic colors that provide the deep, natural look of wood.

While these alternatives to a wood fence or deck may cost more up front, they are a wise investment and will save homeowners both time and money over their lifetime. Many products also come backed by strong warranties, such as EverNew PT and LT decking—the only products on the market backed with a 20-year stain and fade warranty.

Vinyl fence and vinyl or composite decking offer an excellent solution for homeowners looking to create a relaxing, outdoor escape.

For more information on how to design your backyard getaway, visit www.certainteed.com or call (800) 233-8990.