



Hints For Homeowners

Prepare Your Deck For Outdoor Entertaining Season

(NAPSA)—This year, designers are seeing a growing trend emerge among homeowners: bringing their interior design aesthetic to their outdoor spaces. “Homeowners are looking for ways to let their personalities shine throughout every room in their homes, including the outdoors,” says HGTV/diy network star, Jeff Wilson. “It’s changing the way people approach decorating, including their decks and backyards.”

Here are some tips from the leader in outdoor wood care protection and beautification, Thompson’s® WaterSeal.® They can help you create an outdoor environment that’s both beautiful and functional for entertaining family and friends (or even a party of one!).

• **Bring some natural color to your backyard.** Consider adding a colorful variety of potted plants (like geraniums) and greenery (like boxwood topiaries) to provide some privacy and a bit of texture to border the space.

• **Furnish it colorfully and comfortably.** Whether your aesthetic lends itself to stone benches or wooden Adirondack chairs, add some cushions to make the seating both comfortable and colorful. Vibrant accent pillows are a great way to tie in fabrics and colors from your home’s interior, creating one cohesive look.

• **Decorate with a light touch.** Hang paper lanterns or string lights to keep your deck well-lit at night while creating a soft ambience for your guests.

• **Keep it serene.** Bring the tranquil sounds of water to your deck with a small, decorative fountain. Alternatively, consider hanging a wind chime to create a relaxing, Zen environment for you and your visitors.

• **Protect and beautify with confidence.** Provide long-lasting, durable protection for outdoor wood items against the harmful effects of tough weather conditions such as intense rain, heavy snow and harsh sunlight. Four seasons will take their toll on all unprotected wood, causing cracking, splitting and rotting. But there’s an easy, one-step solution available at your local Lowe’s:



Your porch, patio furniture and fencing can all be decked out in style with a new way to beautify and protect them.

Thompson’s WaterSeal’s new Signature Series collection of waterproofing and staining products features highly specialized formulas for your outdoor wood, providing outstanding protection and beautiful results all in one.

Homeowners can select either the Clear Wood Protector to enhance the wood’s natural appearance or a Stain & Sealer to add beautiful color in three opacities: Transparent, which adds subtle color and shows the most wood grain; Semi-Transparent, which offers moderate color and shows medium wood grain; and Solid, which adds the most color and shows the least amount of wood grain. You can also choose from four popular color options: Autumn Brown, Natural Cedar, Timber Brown and Honey Gold. They’re available in Thompson’s WaterSeal preferred and easy-to-use packaging available at Lowe’s nationwide.

With Thompson’s WaterSeal Signature Series, homeowners can devote more time to enjoying their outdoor space and less time maintaining it.

Creating the ultimate outdoor haven starts with a beautiful deck, personalized deck-cessories and a party with all your closest family and friends. Thompson’s WaterSeal can make this all a reality with their annual Deck Party of Your Dreams contest. Head to www.thompsonswaterseal.com/dreamdeck to enter for a chance to win all this, including a deck refurbishment from deck expert, Jeff Wilson!

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