

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Update Your Outdoor Living Space In One Weekend

(NAPSA)—Now that it's time to take pleasure in your deck or relax in the gazebo, it's nice to know that all it takes is one weekend to update your outdoor living space. Here are some fun weekend projects to try:

Perfect Porches—The porch provides visitors with a first impression of your home, and keeping it in tip-top shape only requires one rain-free weekend. If your wood porch is in less-than-optimal shape, you'll first need to prepare and clean it for staining. Next, identify the right type of stain by considering your porch furniture and the architectural details of your home such as stone or brickwork. Clear or tinted sealants allow the woodgrain to show through your finish, providing a beautiful, natural look. Semi-transparent stains contain additional pigment and come in a variety of colors that provide a wide range of options. Solid-color stains provide a rich, opaque finish that allows the wood's texture to show through. Experts at Olympic Exterior Stains, which has more than 130 solid-color and 48 semi-transparent stains to choose from, report that it's easy to select a color that will complement your home's existing features.

Rockin' Outdoor Chairs—Combining traditional style with modern comfort, outdoor rocking chairs are the perfect way to enjoy the soothing, warm breezes on a beautiful day. The best part is that wooden rocking chairs can easily be stained to match the theme of your outdoor space.

Gorgeous Gardens—With fragrant flowers and vibrant colors, beautiful backyard gardens



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are a place to enjoy the peace and tranquility of nature. Planters, wooden benches, gazebos and pergolas add charm and elegance to your landscaping. Use exterior wood stains to add a splash of color to your favorite garden and pond accessories.

Soothing Porch Swings—After being exposed to the elements, your porch swing may need a makeover. Bring it back to life in just a few hours by first replacing any rusted chains and fasteners and any cracked and warped boards. Even if the wood on your swing isn't damaged, it's important to seal and protect it with an exterior wood stain to prevent damage and fading. Olympic's Maximum line of exterior wood stains contains advanced UV protection and mildew-resistant coating to protect your porch swing and all your exterior wood surfaces for years.

For more information on maintaining the beauty of your favorite outdoor accessories, visit www.olympic.com.