

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Aluminum: The New Wood

(NAPSA)—As the outdoor living trend continues to grow, many Americans are building spacious decks with all the features needed to ensure enjoyable experiences out in the fresh air. Many homeowners are in search of outdoor entertainment area furnishings to dress up their outdoor living spaces. Aluminum railing is an ideal solution for any porch, deck or other outside area that could use a little pick-me-up.

Functional and Aesthetic

A good combination of furniture and deck railings is necessary to differentiate your deck from others. Aluminum railings, available in black or white with straight or twist balusters, are versatile and can be integrated into almost any style. This enables you to find the one that best fits your functional and aesthetic needs. Because of its sturdy structure, an aluminum railing can also add safety and security to an enclosed area.

Low Maintenance

With low-maintenance aluminum railing comes more time for leisure. Unlike wood, aluminum needs no scraping, priming, sanding, painting or staining. It also won't warp, split, rot or crack like wood railings have a tendency to do. Aluminum railing is also perfect for coastal areas, where salt spray can significantly shorten the life of wood.

The Durham aluminum railing system from CertainTeed Corporation is crafted from high-quality architectural aluminum and fea-



Aluminum railings are a nice pick-me-up for your deck.

tures a weatherable, powder-coated finish. The aluminum brackets provide a strong and durable post connection, and the optional decorative top rail caps make upgrading style a snap.

Manufacturers are also finding that aluminum alloys increase the lifespan of aluminum railings. This mixing of aluminum with other metals can help increase the resistance to corrosion and can help add to the strength of the railing unit.

Unique Appeal

So, as you prepare to give your home unique neighborhood appeal, remember the maintenance-free, easy-to-install aluminum railing option. With strong and sturdy new features, you can add style to many places around your home.

For more information, visit www.certainteed.com.