

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Put Your Home Improvements 'On Deck'

(NAPSA)—When considering home improvements, think about putting your plans “on deck.” Whether you’re building a new deck or renovating an old one, you can create more opportunities to enjoy your time outdoors with the latest generation of composite decking materials.

Composite decking materials are made from reclaimed wood fibers and plastic resins (WPC) or from expanded polymers (PVC). As an alternative to traditional treated wood decks, new technology has created composite materials that look better and last longer.

“In terms of colors and textures, homeowners have more options than ever to achieve the ‘look’ they want,” said Kevin Brennan, senior vice president, sales and marketing for TimberTech, a leading manufacturer of composite decking, railing and fencing products. “In addition, they can choose railings or fencing that either match or complement the deck.”

Composite decking materials offer benefits such as:

- **Low maintenance.** Composite decking resists sun and water damage, so it maintains its color and appearance for years. There’s no need to paint, stain or seal it like treated wood decks. Since it resists weathering and warping, you won’t need to replace rotting, uneven or insect-damaged boards.

- **Minimal color fading.** Many decking plank product lines are blended with ultraviolet (UV)-inhibiting pigments that will combat the effects of sunlight. This ensures a consistent appearance and minimizes color fading.



An attractive deck not only helps you enjoy your time outdoors, it increases the value of your home.

- **Comfort.** Composite materials minimize heat buildup, so you’re more comfortable in warmer weather. In addition, composite decks are splinter-free—so you can go barefoot without worries.

- **Durability.** Composite decks are more resistant to weathering and warping and last far longer than treated wood decks.

- **Increased home value.** In addition to enhancing your outdoor lifestyle, composite decks add value to your home. According to a recent report from Remodeling magazine, the national average return on investment for deck additions is nearly 80 percent.

Because composite materials handle and install differently from traditional treated wood, Brennan recommends contacting an experienced professional for a consultation before beginning your deck project. For more information, visit www.timbertech.com.