



Decked Out with Style

Reclaiming Your Patio From The Sun

(NAPSA)—If you're like many home owners, your decision to buy your house was probably influenced by an attractive deck or patio. If that was the case, there's a good chance you later found that the area is useless much of the time because of the hot glaring sun.

Unusable decks and patios are a common problem. Few building sites offer large trees close enough to provide adequate shade. Retractable canopies turn your deck or patio into usable space and provide a comfortable sun shield that minimizes glare, cools the area and prevents skin damage from direct sunlight.

Canopy systems can be custom-installed to fit almost any deck or patio size and configuration. They extend in just seconds to provide cooling shade and are easily retracted on overcast days to allow more light onto the outdoor space and into the home.

A structural support system is available for the canopies in wood, aluminum or low-maintenance vinyl, for free-standing or attachment to a building. Whether the system is used on a patio, deck, in the garden, or along the pool, there's a wide selection of styles, from classic pergolas and Mediterranean designs to a rugged Alpine look.

Installation is a simple job for



A retractable canopy system can adapt to existing or new areas and turn a hot patio or deck into a cool outdoor room for entertaining.

any do-it-yourselfer. All the aluminum and vinyl pieces are precut and predrilled for quick assembly, and the canopies themselves are preassembled. For those who prefer it, a professional installation service is also available.

The canopy sections come in a variety of outdoor decorator fabrics, including ShadeTree's Sunbrella commercial-grade awning fabrics. There are even retractable canopy kits that can be added to existing pergolas or arbors to transform them into a great source of shade.

For more information on elegant shade systems for residential and commercial use, call 1-800-894-3801 or visit www.shadetreecanopies.com.