



## Decked Out with Style

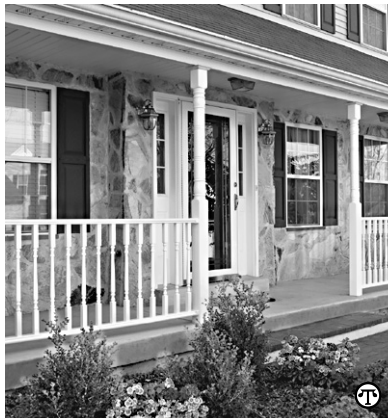
### Railings Designed With Safety And Style In Mind

(NAPSA)—An outdoor deck can be a terrific retreat for a family on a crisp fall evening—provided you take necessary steps to ensure the deck is stable and safe. To ensure your family's safety while on the deck, a railing is needed to provide protection for your loved ones and complete the look of a finished deck or porch.

When installing a deck at home, it's important to choose a railing that has been designed with safety in mind. Vinyl railings and decks are slip-resistant and remain cool to the touch, no matter what the temperature. No nails are used when installing vinyl railings, and splinters or sharp edges will never be a problem. Vinyl railings, such as those in CertainTeed's EverNew line, are becoming increasingly popular as homeowners substitute other materials for wood.

In addition to keeping your family safe from harm, railings can also add a decorative touch to a deck or porch. Railings come in different shapes, sizes and colors, and can even be topped off with an attractive vinyl post or cap, giving a sophisticated, finished look to your railing.

Vinyl railings are also easy to take care of, requiring almost no maintenance—a pressure wash from time to time will leave them looking like new. They also retain their color and resist spills and stains. Traditional wood railings need constant maintenance in painting, staining, sanding and scraping, and are also susceptible to warping and rotting. The EPA has also found that pressure-treated wood can contain harmful



**Vinyl railings can be a decorative way to make an outdoor area safer and more stylish.**

chemicals such as arsenic. CertainTeed's EverNew, on the other hand, is recommended by the National Evaluation Service (NES) for complying with national safety codes. Railings are required according to most state's building codes and must be installed prior to selling.

Already have a wooden deck but your railing isn't looking so hot? Homeowners can easily retrofit with vinyl railings. CertainTeed offers secure rail mounting brackets for applications sure to accommodate any deck layout. For a complete maintenance-free system, you can even slide a vinyl post over an existing post. And unlike wood, CertainTeed railings come with a lifetime warranty.

For more information on keeping your family safe with a decorative vinyl porch or deck railing, call the CertainTeed Home Institute at 1-800-872-8777 or visit [www.cerainteed.com](http://www.cerainteed.com).