

## The Key to Successful Outdoor Renovations

As a construction contractor with over 20 years of experience, we've seen an evolution in building materials and trends as technology and techniques continue to improve. Many materials that were once popular and widely utilized throughout the industry have become obsolete as more innovative and durable counterparts take their place. This is especially true when it comes to materials used for outdoor decks and porches.



*Our team replaced the traditional wood planks with composite decking and railings.*



*We added an additional level for a hot tub area to allow for extra entertaining space.*



### Materials Matter...

There was a time when wood was the go-to for outdoor decking, although it was a challenge to maintain against the elements and presented some aesthetic limitations. Today, we are able to offer our homeowner clients decking products that are both beautiful and durable. For example, one of the most sought-after products in decking right now is Trex. Unlike wood, Trex materials require very little maintenance, are less prone to fading, cracking and splintering, and resistant to mold, mildew and termites.

Trex offers high-definition wood grain patterns and a rich, saturated color palette range inspired by the outdoors, making it easy to match your individual home style and design preferences. Despite this composite decking's natural look, it leaves a much smaller carbon footprint than natural wood. In fact, their decking portfolio is manufactured using more than 95% recycled content.

"As a contractor, we like to recommend that clients consider Trex for deck and porch renovations because of its superior quality, low-maintenance and broad range of style and finish options," said Tom Rasinski. "It doesn't hurt that this material is eco-friendly with an industry leading warranty factor. With every outdoor renovation we've completed, our clients are always pleased with the material and investment they made with their home."



### ...But So Does The Function

With the weather warming up, many homeowners are speaking with our team about ideas to update their outdoor living area. In addition to quality construction, our clients are relying on our guidance and fresh ideas to create a welcoming, modern and functional space.

Right now, homeowners are seeking outdoor spaces that incorporate unique entertaining aspects such as multiple levels, recreation areas like swimming pools and regulated courts for cornhole, horseshoes, volley ball, badminton and bocce ball. As electronic manufacturers are making equipment specifically for the outdoors, we're seeing an increasing number of homeowners ask to have their outdoor spaces renovated to accommodate big screen televisions.

We recently consulted with a family in Jackson, who expressed a desire to update their aging, pressure-treated wood deck. They wanted a space more suitable for entertaining, so we suggested reconfiguring the deck layout and adding an additional level that included a hot tub area. Our clients were thrilled with the results and excited to utilize the space for future get-togethers!



### Deck Trends On The Rise

Many homeowners consider their outdoor space as a multi-seasonal extension of their home and are paying more attention to details like railings and decking pairings. They seek alternatives to the standard white vinyl railings. Modern designs in aluminum, cable and glass, and metal finishes inspired by commercial architecture are really trending. There are unlimited options for homeowners considering a deck or porch renovation.

Lighting is another area where homeowners are able to express their unique style while still providing necessary function. Whether our clients lean toward more modern lighting with brass or copper finishing, or eco-friendly LED and solar lighting, there is no wrong answer - it all depends on the space, client preference and budget.

Regardless of your outdoor living requirements, be sure to do your homework to determine which trends and materials work with your style and budget. It is also important to consult with a qualified contractor who has the experience and skills to guide you through the renovation process with ease.

“ We decided to hire Tom to **remodel our deck** and couldn't be happier. Tom and his team were **professional and courteous!** Tom is extremely friendly and easy to work with. The work was done within the discussed timeframe for the discussed price. No surprises and **great workmanship and communication.** ” - Toni D.



## Let Us Help You Build the Deck of Your Dreams

Take advantage of the warm spring and summer weather by spending time outdoors on a beautiful new deck. There's no better time to consider a deck renovation or addition to create the perfect outdoor relaxation and entertainment space with an experienced contractor.

## Enjoy the Benefits of Composite Decking Material

Over recent years, deck material has advanced quite a bit and improved in both durability and aesthetic. If your deck is old, it probably could use a facelift. As your deck ages it can become less sturdy and, in many cases, unsafe to use. Renovating your deck provides you the opportunity to use modern materials, like Trex composite decking, that will stand up to the elements, requiring less maintenance.

## Increase Your Home's Value

An outdoor renovation can bring about a great return on investment. Well designed and functional outdoor spaces are highly sought after by prospective buyers. Even if you aren't planning to sell your home, adding or improving your deck space will serve you well on resale, even years down the road. In fact, according to Remodeling's Cost vs. Value 2018 report, a composite deck addition can bring about 58.9% return on investment.

## We're on Top of Town Regulations

Just like materials change over time, so do municipality regulations for outdoor renovations. A deck that was considered safe and compliant several years ago may not meet current standards. We will inspect the condition of your deck and make recommendations for its renovation or modification - all according to code.



**STAY TUNED!**

Before and after photos on our latest projects coming soon!

Rasinski Construction has been providing superior home construction services in Monmouth and Ocean County for over 20 years.

Contact us for a consultation!

[oceancountyremodeling.com](http://oceancountyremodeling.com)  
(732) 803-5688

