

# Create your own outdoor oasis

Now that the warmer weather is here, it's time to transform your outdoor space into a five star oasis. Try these quick and easy do-it-yourself projects that will have a big impact without breaking the bank.

## Just Like New, Just Like That

One of the easiest things to do to instantly improve your entertaining space is to spruce up your patio furniture with a fresh new look. Try a paint like Rust-Oleum's Painter's Touch which works on wicker, metal or wood and comes in a variety of colours. Be daring and create a South Beach style with bright colours like berry pink and Caribbean blue or go for Hamp-ton chic with winter gray.

## Pretty up pathways

Another trick that people often forget is changing the colour or texture of their stairs and pathways. Liven up existing outdoor stone or concrete walkways with a simple coating of concrete stain or by applying some texture with a Stoneffects finish. All it takes is a small change like this to make a big difference on the look of your backyard.

## Containers, pots and urns

Pots come in all sorts of sizes and can be an easy way to spruce up an outdoor space. Revitalize your plant containers with fun colours that can be changed year after year. Use a no-



fuss spray paint like Universal in two or three complimentary colours to add instant style to your garden.

## Turn your barbecue into hot stuff

And finally, if you've got a tired look-

ing barbecue, cover up rust spots or chipped paint with a high heat spray paint in a classic black or add some style with a copper finish.

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# Hornby firm to accept plastic pots

Home, Lawn & Garden Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Area gardeners are encouraged to bring their plastic pots, tags and trays to Landscape Ontario for recycling, from June 28 to July 5.

Landscape Ontario and the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association are working together to launch a recycling program for the green industry. Horticulture industry associations across Canada are working to build momentum toward National Plastic Recycling Week.

This event will divert hundreds of pounds of previously non-recycled plastics from landfills. The pots and trays will be used by a Canadian company to produce products from recycled material. The initiative supports Green for Life, Landscape Ontario's outreach program to inspire the public with the beauty and benefits of gardens.

Landscape Ontario is located at 7856 Fifth Line South, just south of Steeles Avenue in Hornby.

For information on the recycling program, contact Lorraine Ivanoff at 1-800-265-5656, ext. 2366, or email lorraine@landscapeontario.com



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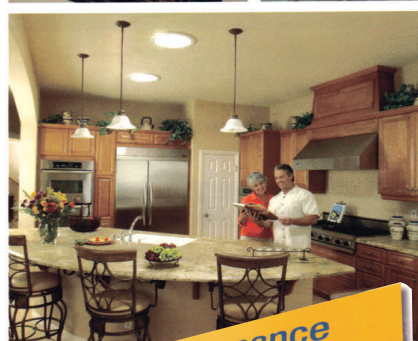
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