

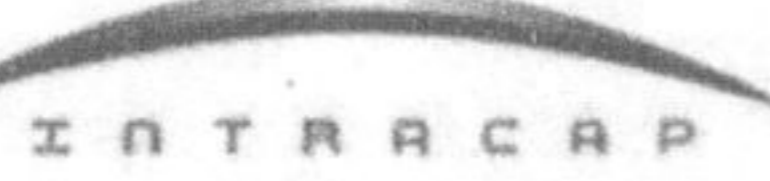
# Weekend SPOTLIGHT



## DOWNTOWNE MILTON

Large Corner Lot In Old Milton Downtown. Lovely Yard w/ Mature Trees, Cozy one and Half storey Home, Renovated Kitchen, and Bath, Detached 2 Car Garage Has Been Converted To A One Bedroom Apartment, Great Property To Live And Rent Great for Extended Family...

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## Get decked out this Spring

(NC)—As the temperature rises, thoughts turn to spending time basking in the sun, grilling, entertaining and relaxing on the deck. Now is the time to begin plans for building or upgrading this cornerstone piece of your backyard. Consider the following tips from The Home Depot Canada to get your decking plans in motion:

**Plan accordingly.** Before embarking on building or upgrading the deck, first determine the activities that will take place on the deck, whether that be grilling, lounging or eating. Next, map out how the deck can be divided into areas for each activity.

**Choose materials.** Due to the growing popularity of decks, there are now many deck building materials to choose from. Here are the top materials you should consider:

- **Composite decking**—made of wood fibre and plastic, low maintenance materials. Very malleable, making curves and shapes an option in the deck design
- **Pressure-treated wood**—most common and affordable, usually made of pine or spruce
- **Cedar**—provides natural resistance to decay and insect damage. Needs to be treated regularly
- **Plastic**—lighter, low maintenance material, offered in a range of colours

**Fancy finish.** There are a variety of deck finishes, ranging from conventional penetrating stains to water-based stains in clear, semi-transparent and opaque finishes. Most homeowners use semi-transparent or opaque stains to maximize the protection and duration of their coating.

**Dress it up.** Give the deck character by adding household items such as pillows and centrepieces, along with more traditional outdoor fare, such as a grill, patio set and plants. Extra features to consider include solar lighting, outdoor couches and patio heaters to extend outdoor entertaining well into the evening.



Now that you're all decked out with either your brand new or upgraded deck, get out there and enjoy it with friends and family before the warm weather passes you by. More information is available online at [homedepot.ca](http://homedepot.ca).

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