



## Stone: The Ideal Outdoor Choice

Visual appeal. Durability. Longevity. Value. Maintenance free. Stone brings all these benefits to your project, whether it's a new building or a renovation. In a four-season climate, it has a year-round place.

In stressful times, families see their homes as an oasis. Increasingly, they are seeking outdoor environments where they can relax. They imagine the welcoming appeal of a fireplace or firepit. They picture a waterfall spilling into a pool, or a wall of cascading water: irresistibly calming sights and sounds. Even outdoor kitchens are no longer a luxury but an upward trend higher-end customers want. And stone can play an integral role in every one of these projects.

Among the many options available at Connecticut Stone for pool surrounds and decks, you'll find granite and limestone pavers that remain comfortable for walking on in hot weather and are frost-proof to carry through the winter. Working with a client who prefers the look of consistent coloration? Textured porcelain pavers with anti-slip qualities are an excellent choice.

Beyond creating the appealing atmosphere of a backyard haven, stone can solve problems as well. After water damage, one recent client had the siding



on their house replaced with Liberty Hill ThinStone, a natural veneer, up to the level of the water table. To achieve the traditional look they wanted, the homeowners selected HardieShingle siding for the surface above the ThinStone; for a different look, wood, metal or brick were other options. This worry-free combination means these homeowners will no longer have to be concerned about water damage—and their home is an oasis once more! “We are thrilled with the siding and ThinStone we selected for our exterior renovation. We upgraded the look of our home and simultaneously provided a superior level of durability that will serve us well for years to come,” said homeowner Jeff Rabel.

What if homeowners want to replace the wood or vinyl siding on their house with stone? Here again, ThinStone is an ideal solution because it can be applied even in situations where there isn't the shelf normally required to bear the weight of a traditional masonry veneer. Happy homeowners get the look they want—a look that adds value to their house—without the increased expense of installing additional support for the stone.

No matter what the look—rustic, contemporary, traditional—there's a stone that can help you create it, boosting value even as it beautifies the exterior of a home and its outdoor space. ■

