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Homeowners want to create a sense of place for their family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy outside. So what are some of the hottest trends in investing in your outdoors?

Living and Building Green

A lot of emphasis has been put on being green or environmentally friendly recently, as we all look for ways to conserve, replenish and otherwise help the environment we live in. While homeowners are looking for more low-maintenance water friendly plants and landscaping, they are also looking for more ways to improve their spaces while still drinking the same size of their carbon footprint.

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Be Kind to the Earth: "Green" Curb Appeal

The first impression for any home is the front yard. To make a lasting impression, any project should be created with the needs of the homeowner in mind. Are there existing elements that need to be used, space an issue, is there a look, style or color scheme that should be used? By incorporating these items into the design, you will not only have a functional front yard, but one that recycles as well.

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While economic times may be leaner than some years past, we are continuing to see a trend in improving our living spaces. As this trend for moving the indoors out continues, there is a need to design these “living rooms without walls” to be just as warm and inviting as the ones found indoors. Incorporating seating walls and enclosures, pergolas, dining and entertaining areas will bring this desire to life.

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After doing a little research and talking to local contractors, they found that building a retaining wall using a concrete product was the way to go. There were several options from new, urban and style choices.

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