

## Calming Waters

Bring nature to your backyard

### Right-Now Maintenance

Protect your home in an emergency

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Get your home organized this spring

### Outward Appearances

Exterior style is as important as interior

### Taming Toys

Keep kids' rooms under control


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If you have decided that a new home exterior is in the cards, don't forget to consider how it will blend with the neighborhood. "The exterior of your home needs to work within a loose framework of the neighborhood, but each house can have its own personality," Galt says.

In fact, you might want your home to have a good dose of personality. Stomar recalls a client who changed a red brick house to stone simply because it did look like every other house in the neighborhood, and the stone made it stand out.

In the end, it is the scale of the house more than anything that will make it fit seamlessly into the neighborhood. Materials are secondary, according to Heppner. On one street, you might find every architectural style and type of material, but if the houses are all similar in scale, they will complement each other.

With so many options available, you have the freedom to turn your home exterior into the welcome mat that you have always dreamed of. 

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