

Chicago Deck Expert Design Trends in Outdoor Deck Ideas Emerging in Chicago Construction Sector

New outdoor deck trends are shaping Chicago's construction scene as demand grows for modern, multi-functional, and sustainable deck designs.

CHICAGO, IL, UNITED STATES, May 12, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A series of innovative design trends in outdoor deck construction is reshaping the landscape of residential and commercial properties throughout the Chicago metropolitan area, according to recent project data and field assessments from Chicago Deck Expert. As spring and summer building activity accelerates, shifts in consumer preferences, architectural integration, and sustainable materials are creating new benchmarks for outdoor living spaces in both new construction and renovation projects.



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Outdoor decks are now essential living spaces, blending design, durability, and function.”

— Max Ver, President,
Chicago Deck Expert

Chicago Deck Expert, a construction and design company specializing in customized decking solutions, reports a marked increase in client demand for contemporary deck layouts, multi-level structures, and mixed-material installations. These preferences are reflective of broader regional and national trends that emphasize outdoor functionality, visual continuity with home architecture, and year-round usability.

“Clients across the city and surrounding suburbs are increasingly treating decks as true extensions of indoor living environments,” said Max Ver, President of Chicago Deck Expert. “From integrated lighting to composite materials and open-frame steel designs, the expectations have evolved significantly in just the past few years.”

The company has observed a growing number of property owners conducting online searches such as [“deck builders near me”](#), reflecting both heightened interest and greater consumer engagement in the design process. In response, deck contractor across the region are adapting project strategies to incorporate architectural cohesion, low-maintenance materials, and space-maximizing layouts.

Among the most notable trends are:

Mixed Material Decking: Clients are increasingly opting for combinations of wood, composite, aluminum, and steel. These combinations allow for greater structural flexibility while providing aesthetic diversity and durability.

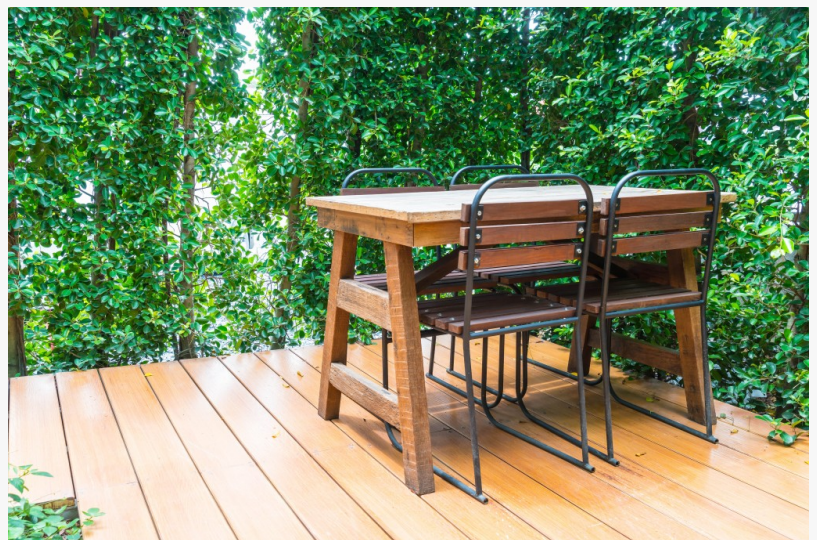
Integrated Lighting and Power: The inclusion of built-in LED lighting, low-voltage power sources, and solar-powered fixtures has grown substantially. These features support extended use during evening hours and provide ambient enhancement.

Multi-Tiered Structures: Multi-level decks are gaining traction in homes built on uneven lots or with walk-out basements, allowing for functional segmentation of outdoor spaces — such as dining areas, lounge zones, and built-in gardens.

Sustainable Building Practices: The use of responsibly sourced materials and environmentally conscious finishes is gaining priority. Clients are seeking [deck contractors](#) who can demonstrate compliance with eco-friendly standards.

All-Season Design: Features such as pergolas, retractable canopies, and infrared heating systems are making decks more functional during cooler months, expanding their use beyond traditional summer periods.

Chicago Deck Expert's design team has also noted a sharp rise in requests for decks that align visually with modern and transitional architectural styles. This includes clean lines, horizontal



railing systems, and low-profile support structures that preserve unobstructed views of landscaping or water features.

In urban neighborhoods such as Logan Square, Wicker Park, and Lincoln Park, rooftop decks continue to be a priority for multi-family and luxury residential developments. These installations frequently include built-in seating, planters, and smart-home integration. In suburban areas such as Naperville, Oak Brook, and Schaumburg, traditional backyard decks are being upgraded with expanded footprints, privacy walls, and custom staining.

The demand has impacted scheduling patterns across the industry, leading many deck contractors to expand their seasonal workforces and extend consultation hours. Despite labor and material shortages reported in earlier years, supply chain stabilization in 2025 has allowed for greater consistency in project delivery timelines.

"Clients researching [outdoor deck ideas](#) are much more informed than in the past. Many arrive at the planning phase with digital mood boards, cost comparisons, and technical questions," said Ver. "This shift in client engagement is pushing contractors and design firms to elevate both the consultation process and the final product."

Chicago Deck Expert's team of construction professionals and structural designers continues to monitor zoning requirements and permitting processes across different municipalities to ensure that each installation meets regulatory standards. Local regulations related to load-bearing limits, setback distances, and material usage vary considerably, particularly between the city of Chicago and its neighboring suburbs.

The company emphasizes that qualified deck builders must remain current on regional codes, especially as more clients request customized features that challenge traditional layouts. For example, the integration of kitchens or fire features on decks requires additional planning related to utility connections and safety compliance.

In tandem with this construction activity, digital search data from the past twelve months reveals a 23% year-over-year increase in the use of terms like "deck contractors" and "build a deck" within Illinois-based IP addresses. This rise parallels the uptick in residential renovation spending reported by the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University, which attributes part of the increase to lifestyle changes following the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing trends in remote work.

Chicago Deck Expert maintains a database of completed project case studies that illustrate how outdoor deck ideas have translated into finished residential and multi-use spaces across the city. These case studies provide insight into how material selection, elevation planning, and spatial flow affect the overall longevity and utility of a deck.

The company also reports increased collaboration with architects and landscape designers,

reflecting a broader move toward interdisciplinary outdoor space planning. This approach allows for greater cohesion between decks and surrounding elements such as patios, gardens, and walkways.

As construction season reaches its peak, industry professionals anticipate that deck design in the Chicago area will continue to evolve in both form and function. Long-term durability, material innovation, and seamless indoor-outdoor transitions are expected to define the next wave of developments in the sector.

“Outdoor decks are no longer considered afterthoughts in property design. They’re structural components that deserve the same level of planning and craftsmanship as any interior room,” added Ver. “The design trends emerging in Chicago reflect a growing recognition of how valuable outdoor space has become to daily life.”

About Chicago Deck Expert

Chicago Deck Expert is a construction and design firm based in Chicago, Illinois, specializing in the planning, building, and renovation of custom decks for residential and commercial properties. The company provides tailored design solutions that reflect client preferences, building codes, and contemporary design standards. Each project is managed by experienced professionals with a focus on craftsmanship, material quality, and compliance with local regulations.

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