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News From the Tile & Stone Industry



Using Porcelain and Ceramic Tile in Outdoor Kitchens

Outdoor kitchens are rising in popularity as a way to create more living space outdoors and to better enjoy the beauty of nature. Nature's not the only beautiful thing to look at - with stunning porcelain and ceramic tile options, you can create an outdoor kitchen that will rival any area inside or outside of your home.

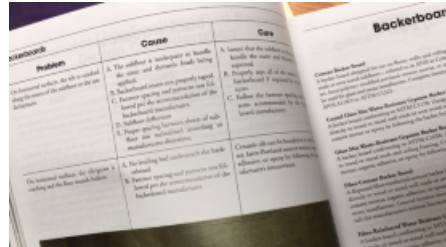
The Great Outdoors



Ceramic Tile's Benefits for Allergy Sufferers

Your home's flooring, specifically, can contribute to allergies, with certain flooring types harboring dust mites and other allergens, creating an environment conducive to mold growth, off-gassing harmful chemicals that aggravate allergies, and more.

Breathe Easy



NTCA Reference Manual: An Invaluable Tool for the Tile Industry

Are you familiar with the NTCA Reference Manual? It's an invaluable tool for the tile industry and a well-respected companion document to the TCNA *Handbook for Ceramic, Glass, and Stone Tile Installation* and ANSI standards.

Good Reads



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Eclectic Styles

A rural property in the province of Reggio Emilia has been brought back to life in a painstaking interior design project that reconciles past and present with a skillful blend of solutions and materials.

[Glow Up](#)



Experimenting With Ceramic Formats

The idea that square tiles are the only option for floors and walls has become a thing of the past. Tile of Spain manufacturers offer collections in planks, geometrics, high-reliefs and many other formats that allow design ideas to be carried out in an entirely new way.

[Endless Possibilities](#)



2021 CID Award Winner Spotlight: Stereoscope Coffee

Tune in to the Coverings blog each week as we highlight the projects that received a coveted 2021 Coverings Installation & Design (CID) Award for their ingenious and sophisticated applications of tile & stone. First up is the 2021 CID Award Winner for Commercial Stone Design: Stereoscope Coffee in Newport Beach, CA.

[So Brew-ti-ful](#)



How to Evaluate a Finished Tile Installation

What goes into evaluating a finished tile installation? At times, this can be the most frustrating part of the project – for both the installer and the homeowner or project owner. Why? Because of finished tile expectations, naturally-occurring variations and other unexpected situations that fall within industry standards.

[Measure Up](#)



New Treatments to Natural Stone Make Them More Accessible in Kitchens

Homeowners looking for ways to update their kitchens are not always looking for a gut rehab job. With more natural stone options available on the market, and with recent advancements in sealing technology, choosing to install natural stone in busy household kitchens is an easier decision than ever.

Set in Stone



Total Solutions Plus Announces Highlights for 2021

Total Solutions Plus is excited to bring the ceramic tile industry back together to network and learn from each other, in person. Total Solutions Plus is brought to you by Ceramic Tile Distributors Association, the National Tile Contractors Association, the Tile Council of North America and the Tile Contractors Association of America.

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