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Finishing Your Basement

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Welcome to our bi-monthly newsletter! In this edition, we will be looking at installing a sub-floor before you finish your basement. We will also touch on Spring/Summer backyard planning as well as "Love Landscape".

Thank-you for being loyal customers with Cedar Line Contracting over the last 4 years, your patronage is sincerely appreciated!

Chris and Ben

Basement Sub-Floors

One of the first items to consider when planning out the completion of your basement is whether or not you want to install a sub-floor. Besides the obvious fact that concrete is cooler than wood, it also creates the hidden danger of condensation in the summer months. If, warm humid air comes in contact with your concrete basement floor, dampness is likely to form in hidden places, fostering the growth of mould, mildew and mustiness. The dynamics of cooling and condensation is precisely why so many finished basements smell moldy and stale as they age, but it does not have to be this way.

There are a few different types of commonly used sub-floors "DRICore" which has a dimpled plastic on the bottom creating air space and insulation, with tongue and groove plywood. Styrofoam SM insulation and tongue and groove plywood are also a common combination for basement sub-floors. We use a sub-floor material similar to that of "DRICore". Our product prevents moisture from occurring as well as providing insulation to the floor. The added bonus of this product is if a small leak was to occur in your basement, this product will keep your flooring dry and give you time to repair the leak before your carpets are ruined. This advantage is achieved because of the gap created with from the dimpled plastic.

Planning Your Outdoor Oasis

Outdoor living has evolved. No longer are your options for patio furniture folding chairs and tables. Now, your backyard can be an extension of your home during the spring and summer months. In order to take full advantage of the space you have you need to determine what type of an outdoor oasis is right for your space, goals and budget.

Hardscaping Vs Decking

Hardscaping, (referring to stone patios ext.) or Decking? Deciding on which is right for you depends on a few different variables. The height at which you want your living space, your backyard terrain and the amount of continual maintenance you are comfortable with all play a role in your decision.

Both Hardscaping and Decking are very customizable, using different materials, shapes and styles. Finding what works best for your space and personality is something we can help with.

We are now Working with Love Landscape and Design

Located in Guelph, *Love Landscapes + Design* provides professional landscape design services for large or small projects. Having been in business for only two years, Love Landscapes and Design has quickly built a reputation, earning the title of 'Best Landscape Company in Guelph' by the Guelph Tribune's Reader's Choice Awards, 2011. By working with your style, needs and budget, designers will quickly eliminate the stresses of creating your dream backyard oasis! They are also proud of their innovative design process that allows clients to visualize the 'after' using photo shopped imaging.