

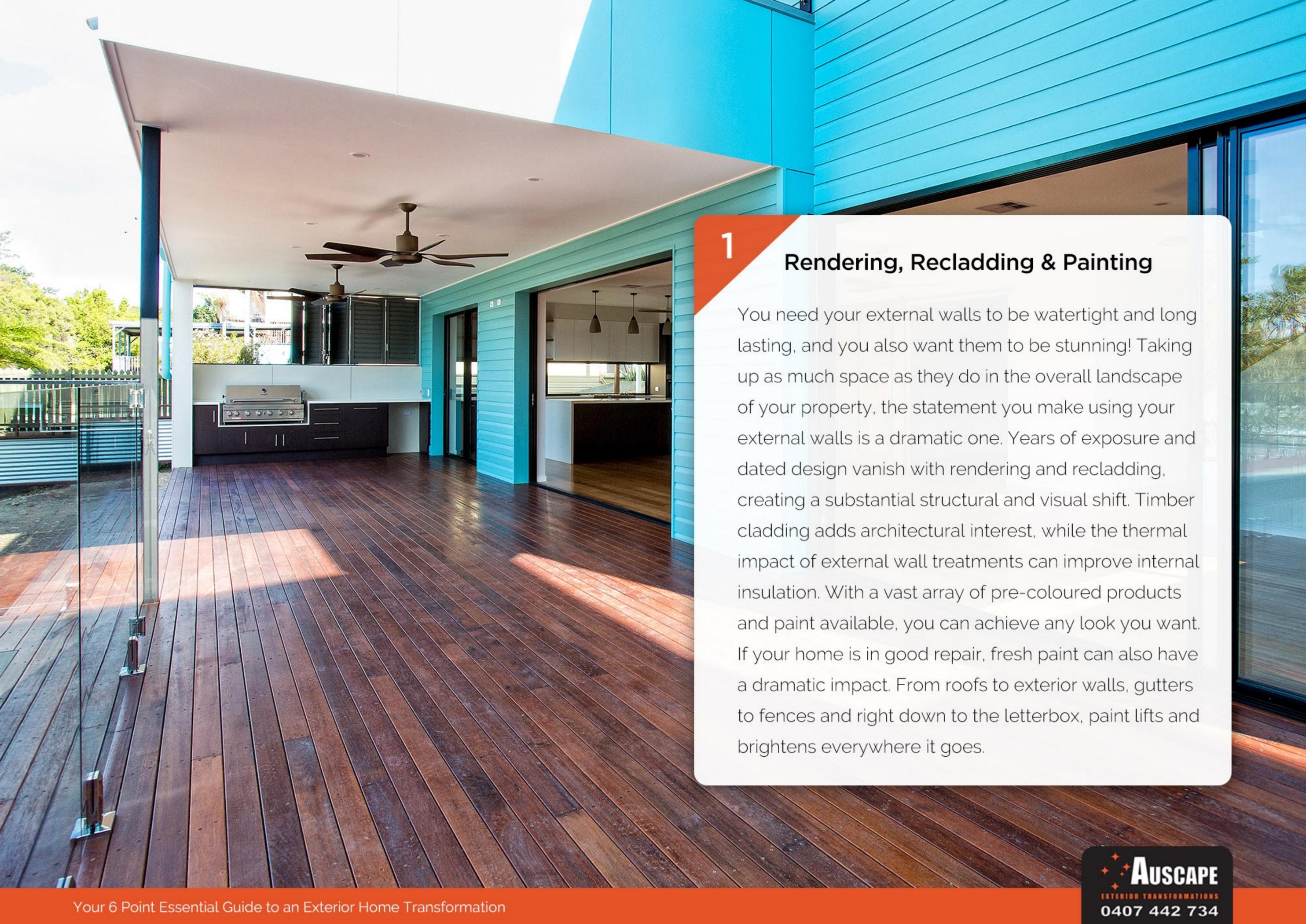
A man and a woman are embracing in front of a modern, two-story house. The man is wearing a blue shirt and the woman is wearing a white cable-knit sweater. The house has a brick facade around the entrance and a balcony above. The scene is set outdoors with a green lawn and trees under a blue sky.

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A home exterior transformation packed with wow factor hits you right between the eyes. It is one of the most effective ways to increase the value of your home while providing you with stunning, protective and functional surrounds. You may have bought a renovator, are preparing to sell, need to undo an exterior renovation blunder, simply want to give your home a facelift, or could be facing damage repair. Exterior home renovations cover the spectrum and no matter the catalyst for the decision, done well, the effects will transform your home and the 6 points in this guide will explain to you how.



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## Rendering, Recladding & Painting

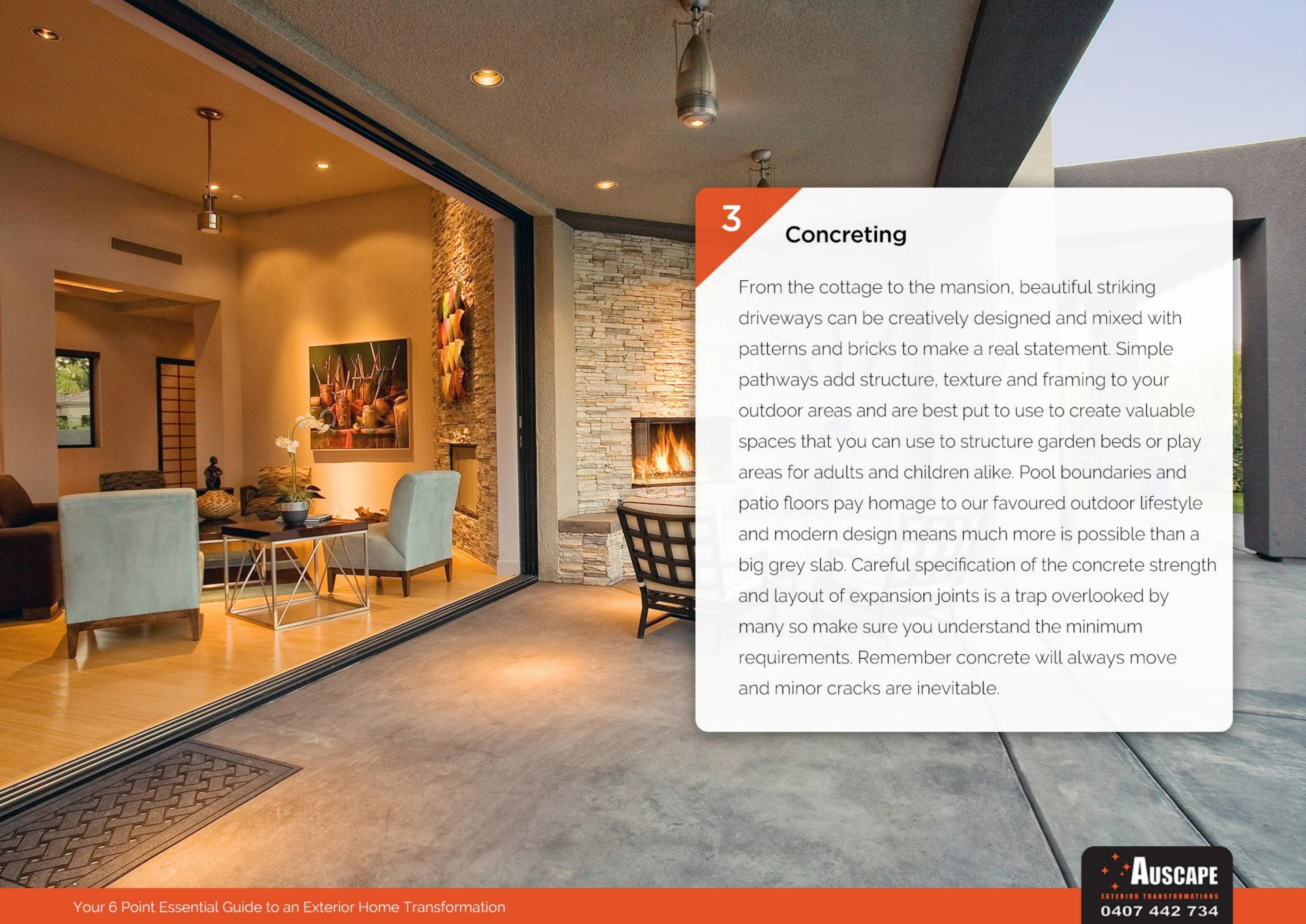
You need your external walls to be watertight and long lasting, and you also want them to be stunning! Taking up as much space as they do in the overall landscape of your property, the statement you make using your external walls is a dramatic one. Years of exposure and dated design vanish with rendering and recladding, creating a substantial structural and visual shift. Timber cladding adds architectural interest, while the thermal impact of external wall treatments can improve internal insulation. With a vast array of pre-coloured products and paint available, you can achieve any look you want. If your home is in good repair, fresh paint can also have a dramatic impact. From roofs to exterior walls, gutters to fences and right down to the letterbox, paint lifts and brightens everywhere it goes.

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### Carpentry

Everything from decks to pergolas to patios, fencing and stairs, exterior carpentry defines boundaries while adding space and class to your property. Replacement of worn decks can completely transform an outlook and also provide a good return on investment. The building blocks of carpentry can be used to create new outdoor rooms for relaxing and entertaining, add definition, provide new platforms for greenery, create an open plan, spacious feel and provide shade. When building your external decks and pergolas, ensure that you use timber species or treatments that will ensure longevity. Make sure the fixings are also appropriate to the environment.





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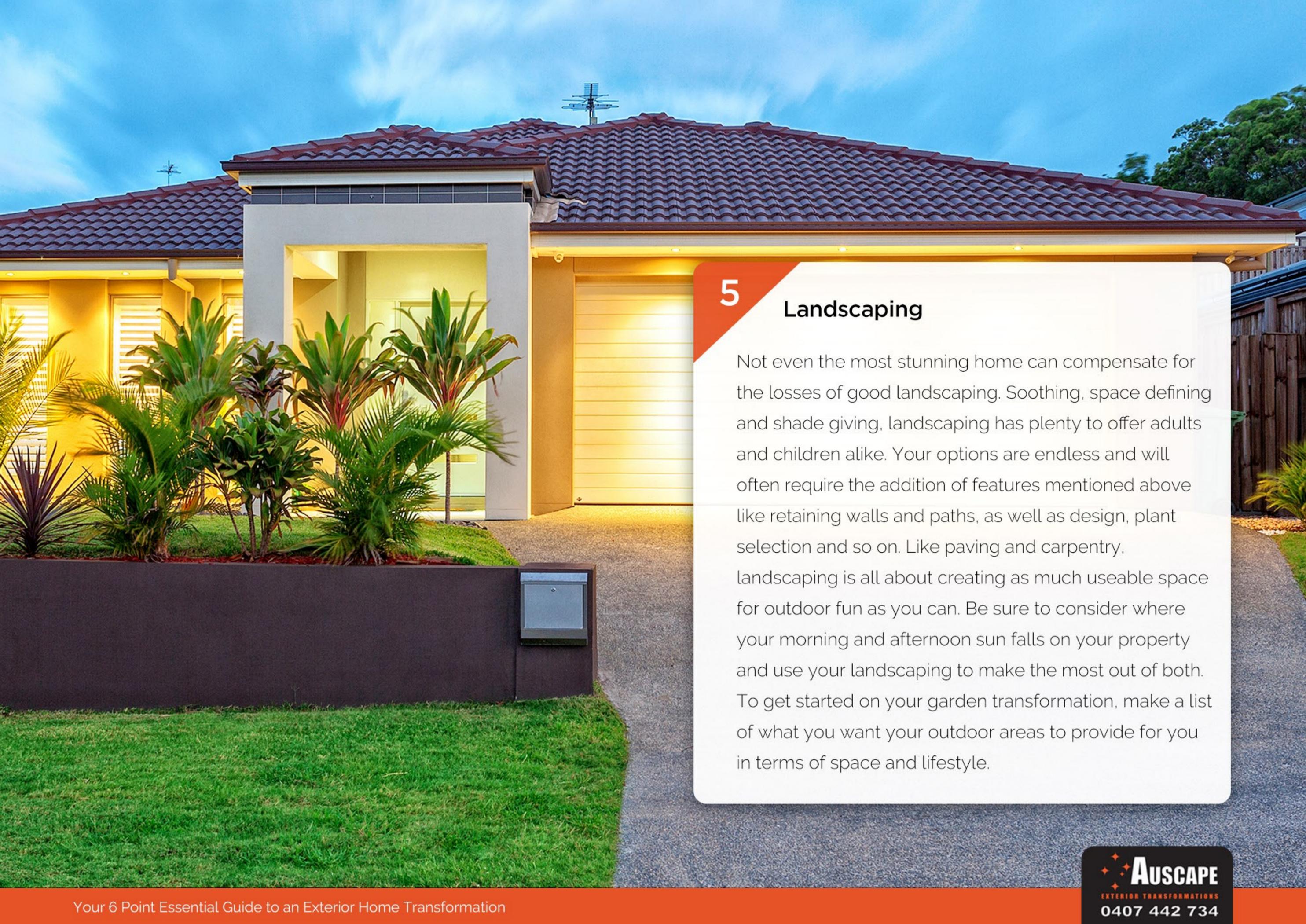
## Concreting

From the cottage to the mansion, beautiful striking driveways can be creatively designed and mixed with patterns and bricks to make a real statement. Simple pathways add structure, texture and framing to your outdoor areas and are best put to use to create valuable spaces that you can use to structure garden beds or play areas for adults and children alike. Pool boundaries and patio floors pay homage to our favoured outdoor lifestyle and modern design means much more is possible than a big grey slab. Careful specification of the concrete strength and layout of expansion joints is a trap overlooked by many so make sure you understand the minimum requirements. Remember concrete will always move and minor cracks are inevitable.

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### Retaining Walls

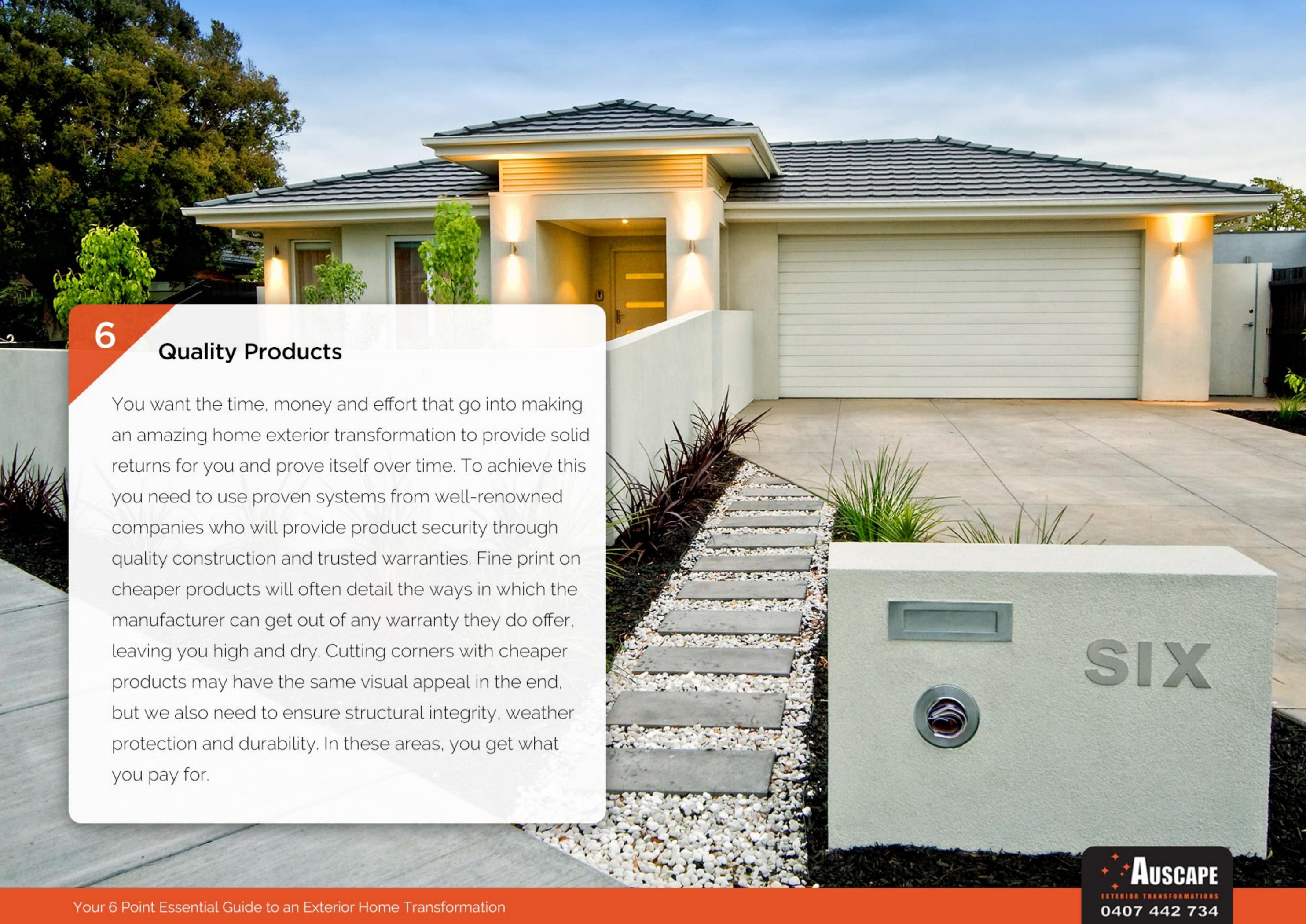
Retaining walls are multi-purpose, functional features that provide protection and create beauty. Securing sloping land, they can be designed to sit beautifully into your landscape and style of home by your choice of products. Their dual offering is to create stunning platforms for raised gardens and depending on the size of your area can incorporate multiple levels and stairs. In smaller yards, you can build a retaining wall upwards along a high fence to create an opportunity for additional landscaping. Given their role in securing land mass they are complex in nature. It is important that you engage a professional who understands the technical and drainage requirements that must be taken into consideration when building.



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### Landscaping

Not even the most stunning home can compensate for the losses of good landscaping. Soothing, space defining and shade giving, landscaping has plenty to offer adults and children alike. Your options are endless and will often require the addition of features mentioned above like retaining walls and paths, as well as design, plant selection and so on. Like paving and carpentry, landscaping is all about creating as much useable space for outdoor fun as you can. Be sure to consider where your morning and afternoon sun falls on your property and use your landscaping to make the most out of both. To get started on your garden transformation, make a list of what you want your outdoor areas to provide for you in terms of space and lifestyle.



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## Quality Products

You want the time, money and effort that go into making an amazing home exterior transformation to provide solid returns for you and prove itself over time. To achieve this you need to use proven systems from well-renowned companies who will provide product security through quality construction and trusted warranties. Fine print on cheaper products will often detail the ways in which the manufacturer can get out of any warranty they do offer, leaving you high and dry. Cutting corners with cheaper products may have the same visual appeal in the end, but we also need to ensure structural integrity, weather protection and durability. In these areas, you get what you pay for.



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