

Outdoor Space Builders Wins StruXure Commercial Project of the Year

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Oxford, Connecticut. Outdoor Space Builders, a family-owned outdoor living contractor, has been named the recipient of the StruXure Commercial Project of the Year for 2024, an award given through the manufacturer's dealer program for a completed louvered-structure installation. The recognition adds to a group of manufacturer credentials the company holds across its deck and pergola work in Connecticut.

The award sits alongside the company's TimberTech Platinum Pro certification, the highest tier in that manufacturer's contractor program. Reaching the tier requires documented installation volume, verified workmanship review, and ongoing training, and it allows certified contractors to offer TimberTech's enhanced warranty options. Outdoor Space Builders also holds authorized dealer status with StruXure, Azenco, and Equinox for louvered pergola and roof systems, and it is a member of the North American Deck and Railing Association.

The StruXure recognition is not the company's only manufacturer honor. Outdoor Space Builders has also received the AZEK Deck Award for its composite deck work, was featured as a Tiva Deck of the Month, and earned the 2025 Perfect Plug Champion designation. Taken together, the awards span both the decking and the louvered-structure sides of the business, the two areas the company has increasingly built its reputation around in the Connecticut market.

"Recognition like this comes from the manufacturers whose systems we install, not from our own marketing," said Joe Mastersanti, owner of Outdoor Space Builders. "It tells a homeowner the crew building their project has been measured against the standard the manufacturer sets."

The company reports more than 3,000 completed residential and commercial projects since the owners moved from general home remodeling into specialized outdoor living work. Its focus is custom composite and PVC decking, with louvered pergolas, patios, porches, and related structures built around that core. Every

project is handled by the company's own crews rather than subcontracted labor, a model the company credits for consistency from the design stage through the final walkthrough.

"We made a decision years ago not to hand our projects to outside crews," Mastersanti said. "The same team that designs a deck is the team that frames it and finishes it, and that is what keeps the quality even from one job to the next."

Connecticut's climate factors into how those projects are built. Freeze-thaw cycles, snow load, and summer humidity place ongoing stress on outdoor structures. The company engineers framing to each site using materials that range from steel and aluminum to composite and engineered lumber, and it sets footings on helical piers or concrete below the region's frost line, which typically runs to roughly 42 inches. Design begins with 3D modeling so homeowners can review a project before construction, and the company handles permit acquisition and the full build in-house.

The manufacturer certifications reflect a broader pattern in how outdoor living contractors are evaluated. Program tiers such as TimberTech Platinum Pro are awarded on documented volume and training rather than self-reported claims, which gives homeowners a third-party reference point when comparing builders. Because the same manufacturers back the products with their own warranties, the certifications also determine which warranty options a contractor is able to extend. For Outdoor Space Builders, the awards and certifications function as external validation of work the company has completed across the state.

Outdoor Space Builders is a family-owned outdoor living contractor based in Oxford, Connecticut, owned by Joe Mastersanti. The company designs and builds custom composite and PVC decks and complete outdoor living spaces, including pergolas, patios, porches, and sunrooms, and reports more than 30 years of combined industry experience. It holds certifications including TimberTech Platinum Pro, Deckstars Certified Pro, Fortress Preferred Member, and Feeney Certified Installer, and completed decks carry a lifetime workmanship warranty.

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