



Cedarbrook Deck & Patio Marks 20 Years in Outdoor Living

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Cedarbrook Deck & Patio, a family-owned outdoor living design and construction firm, is marking its 20th year of operation in 2026, having been founded in Mt. Airy, Maryland, in February 2006. Over that period the company has completed more than 1,500 residential and commercial projects across central Maryland.

The firm operates as a design/build contractor, meaning it handles both the design and the construction of a project under one roof. Its work covers custom decks, porches, screened porches, sunrooms, patios and hardscapes, pergolas, outdoor kitchens, privacy screens, and related outdoor living structures. The company serves homeowners in Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery, and Washington counties.

Cedarbrook is led by owner and president Mike Arneson Jr. The company is licensed by the Maryland Home Improvement Commission under MHIC number 131359. Its project process includes three-dimensional design modeling, permit-ready drawings, and management of construction from foundation through final inspection.

The company holds several manufacturer and trade credentials that can be independently verified. It is certified as a TimberTech Platinum Pro contractor, a designation issued by decking manufacturer TimberTech, and it is certified in deck evaluation and inspection by the North American Deck and Railing Association, the industry's national trade group.

In 2023, Cedarbrook was named YellaWood Deck Specialist of the Year by Great Southern Wood Preserving, the maker of YellaWood brand products. In 2019, the company was named to Remodeling magazine's Big50, an annual list the publication has produced since 1986. According to the program, Remodeling has selected roughly 1,600 firms for Big50 recognition since its inception, a group the magazine describes as representing less than two percent of remodeling businesses nationwide.

"Reaching 20 years is a chance to reflect on how the work has changed," said Mike Arneson Jr., owner and president of Cedarbrook Deck & Patio. "When we started, most requests were for a straightforward deck. Today homeowners are planning full outdoor rooms with covered space, lighting, and cooking areas, and our job is to design and build those so they meet code and last. That shift is what has kept the work interesting for two decades."

The company's construction warranties are structured by project type. Carpentry work carries a 10-year workmanship warranty, hardscape projects carry a three-year workmanship warranty, and decks or porches built using alternative framing, such as steel or aluminum substructures, carry a lifetime workmanship warranty.

The milestone comes as demand for outdoor living space has grown across the Mid-Atlantic. Decks and porches are consistently ranked among the home improvements that add usable living area, and Maryland's four-season climate places particular demands on outdoor structures, from summer humidity to winter freeze-thaw cycles that require footings set below the region's frost line. Design/build firms that manage permitting and inspection in-house have become a common route for homeowners navigating county-specific building requirements.

Over its two decades, the company has expanded from a focus on deck construction into integrated outdoor living projects that combine multiple structures on a single site. A representative project may now pair a raised deck with a screened porch, a paver patio, and an outdoor kitchen, each requiring different materials, footings, and inspections. The company attributes part of that shift to changes in how homeowners use their yards, with outdoor areas increasingly treated as extensions of interior living space rather than standalone features.

Cedarbrook works with a range of decking and outdoor product lines, including TimberTech, Fiberon, and

Deckorators, and builds in wood, composite, PVC, and bamboo materials. The design process is intended to let homeowners review a project in three-dimensional renderings before construction begins, and the company builds platform, raised, multi-level, rooftop, and pool decks along with its porch, patio, and shade structures.

The firm's work also reflects broader material trends in the decking industry. While pressure-treated wood remains common, composite and PVC products have taken a growing share of new construction because of their lower maintenance requirements, and manufacturers have introduced alternative framing systems in steel and aluminum that carry longer service lives than traditional wood substructures. Cedarbrook builds across those material categories and offers underdeck drainage systems that create dry, usable space beneath elevated decks.

As it enters its third decade, the company reports that its focus remains on design/build projects handled by its own crews, with the stated aim of completing outdoor living spaces that meet local code and hold up to seasonal conditions in central Maryland.

Cedarbrook Deck & Patio, which also operates as Cedarbrook Outdoor Design/Build, is a family-owned outdoor living design and construction firm based in Mt. Airy, Maryland. Founded in 2006, the company designs and builds custom decks, porches, patios, and outdoor living spaces for residential and commercial clients across central Maryland. It is licensed under MHIC number 131359.

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