

Incorporating the Top Trends for Residential Landscape Design into New and Renovated Homes

Questions + Answers from the Webinar

Salt-resistant grills.

Our contact at Kalamazoo recommends in very salty climates to use grills that are marine-grade stainless steel. But, she cautions, even these will need to regularly be rinsed with fresh water to keep from deteriorating.

I wonder if - for the right, most likely high-end, client, an irrigation or misting system can't be retrofitted as an automatic rinsing system for grills? I don't see why it could not be used that way.

Cabinetry in high-humidity and freezing temperatures.

In these locations Kalamazoo recommends any custom work include gutter systems along all drawers and doors. These are pre-fab in Kalamazoo products but should be included in any custom work so interior spaces stay dry.

Gel-powered fire pits.

I talked to some colleagues who have personal experience using these in fire pits. The advantages: highly move-able, inexpensive, provides instant gratification with little smoke, provides heat.

Disadvantages: highly flammable, cannot cook over it since the gel is alcohol-based. In the past injuries have led to product recalls — people have been burned when attempting to add fuel to an already-lit can. They last about 1-3 hours.