



Extending Your Living Space with Garden Space **Advice from Atlas Pots: Metro Vancouver's Headquarters for Container Gardening**

Vancouver B.C. (April 13, 2010) – This Spring the *BC Home & Garden Show* is on hiatus, and in its place *The Home & Garden Weekendsets* the stage for garden planning and trend watching: last years' biggest outdoor trend of extending your living space into the backyard shows no sign of slowing down. Atlas Pots plays a big role in helping consumers create those spaces, not only as one of Metro Vancouver's biggest planter resources, but also as experts on pot selections to colour trends.

"With over 4,000 square feet of planters and patio furniture inventory we're able to provide multiple solutions to completely makeover a space, be it an office, patio, or creating dimension in a small downtown bachelor apartment," says Atlas Pots' co-owner Maninder Tennessey. "Doing this is our passion so we're always teaching our customers how to best use our products. We want to inspire people to create garden spaces they can escape to, entertain in, and that also add more value to their homes."

Atlas Pots is available for interview on topics they're being asked of by their clients, such as:

Extending Living Space: Effectively using outdoor space creates more living space for entertaining, a sanctuary, or a great edible garden (not just typical herbs, but vegetables are growing in popularity).

Vancouver's Hot Real Estate Market: Recent mortgage rate increases to the pending HST tax only strengthen buyer/seller interest in the impact of home renos and home staging on re-sale value. Outdoor renovations have a high investment return of approx. 65 – 90%, plus these changes to a home are easier and quicker to do than many other renos.

Do It Yourself: Reno trends appeal to DIY-ers; with a little bit of Atlas Pots' guidance even those without garden experience can create the space themselves. **Colour Trends:** Apple green, reds, greys, and bronze.

Eco Friendly Gardening: 2009 was the year of everyone doing their best to minimize their carbon footprints. One of the green alternatives Atlas Pots introduces is polyethylene: low-density planters that are fade proof, winter proof to –80°C, BPA-free, and can be completely recycled at end of its life.

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About Atlas Pots www.atlaspots.com

Atlas Pots is Vancouver's discerning source of high quality and modern design pots, garden containers, and planters. We are a family business that grew out of a love of gardening, design and the incredible possibilities that garden containers offer. Atlas Pots sources the world for the best fiberglass, polyethylene, polystone, terrazzo planters and fountains to provide over 4,000 sq. feet of planters that are highly durable and crafted in modern designs. The place for planters.



About Home and Garden Weekend <http://bit.ly/HGWeekend>

Saturday, April 17 & Sunday, April 18 (noon to 5pm); Park Royal Mall.

Sampling of new, and unique products arriving at Atlas:

- POLYSTONE/FIBERSTONE: Ground stone, earth, and resin planters; frost-proof.
- TERRAZZO: High quality with waterproofing; frost-proof.
- ATLANTIS: Ceramic, frost-proof pieces that look aged; and glazed (frost-proof).
- POLYETHYLENE: Featuring two eco-friendly collections; one exclusive to Atlas.
- LECHUZA: Lacquered polyethylene that has a self-contained watering system.
- PVC PATIO FURNITURE: High-grade, aluminum frame with mold-resistant/fade-resistant PVC weave in contemporary designs. Arriving early May.