



## Spring is Here! Let's Get Outside!

### Outdoor Living DIY Projects

Are you looking to spring new life into your backyard living space? Now is a great time of year to get outside and start tackling that to-do list. The days are getting longer and it's finally warm enough to spend time outdoors. Whether you're looking to build a new structure or enhance an existing one, there are many reasons why you should choose multiwall polycarbonate sheets to cover your next DIY project.

#### Create More Shade

Because they typically feature open latticework, pergolas provide little protection from the sun and heat during the hot summer months. To create more shade, you will need to add some type of roof on top of your pergola. Why not add a multiwall polycarbonate cover?

Multiwall polycarbonate's UV-protected outer surface blocks harmful ultra-violet rays. This UV blocking feature helps prevent sunburn while letting in plenty of natural light. This filtered, diffused light also reduces glare and heat build-up in your home. It can also protect outdoor furniture from fading!



#### Provide Weather Protection

A pop-up summer rain shower can put a damper on your outdoor entertaining plans. Available in a variety of colors and translucencies, why not cover your patio with a multiwall polycarbonate glazed structure? You'll be able to enjoy your outdoor living space no matter what the weather brings!

Virtually unbreakable, multiwall polycarbonate is extremely durable and can withstand the impact of hail stones and strong winds. Today's high performance multiwall polycarbonate sheets are also very resistant to yellowing, lasting for years without any weathering issues.

#### Reduce Maintenance Needs

Want to spend less time cleaning the leaves out of your swimming pool? Cover it! Multiwall polycarbonate is a great choice for a pool cover. In addition to keeping your pool water cleaner and warmer, multiwall sheets are UV-protected and will help reduce your chlorine consumption.

Multiwall polycarbonate sheets are highly flexible and can be cold formed 'on site' without cracking or splintering. This product feature makes it possible to easily create a curved or arched structure.



## Increase Livable Space

Converting your patio or porch into a three-season room is a great way to increase your livable space. Multiwall polycarbonate is an economical glazing choice because the sheet's flutes trap air, creating an effective thermal barrier. A sunroom glazed with multiwall sheets saves energy and provides a comfortable space to enjoy views of the outdoors.

Incredibly light in weight, multiwall polycarbonate sheets are easy to handle and require less structural support than more traditional glazing materials. Multiwall sheets can be cut to size and

drilled 'on site' using ordinary wood working tools. No special tools needed!

In addition to these do-it-yourself outdoor living spaces, multiwall polycarbonate sheets are an ideal cover for balconies, decks, carports, walkways, and pavilions. Let us help you create a comfortable outdoor space for family and friends to gather. Call or visit our website for more product information.

## Featured Product

LEXAN™ Multiwall Polycarbonate Sheet

A well-established brand for over 40 years, LEXAN™ multiwall polycarbonate sheets are extruded from LEXAN™ resin, a high quality thermoplastic with superior mechanical, optical, and thermal properties.

This lightweight, high-performance sheet offers high light transmission, remarkable impact strength, and long-term weather resistance. In addition, the sheet's multiwall construction provides outstanding thermal insulation.

The versatility of the LEXAN™ multiwall polycarbonate sheet makes it an ideal material choice for a wide range of glazing applications including greenhouses, pool enclosures, canopies, gazebos, wall partitions, carports, pergolas, and covered walkways.



If you would like to learn more about LEXAN™ multiwall polycarbonate sheets, click the product brochure link below!

[Product Brochure](#)

## DIY Tip of the Month

Daylighting in your Home

Did you know that natural daylight is proven to boost

## Frequently Asked Polycarbonate Question

**Q:** What type of fasteners should I use when installing my multiwall polycarbonate sheets and is it really necessary to pre-drill holes before

energy and improve productivity? By reducing the need for artificial light, daylighting also helps save money on energy bills. Translucent polycarbonate sheets can be used in a variety of ways to let comfortable daylight into your home.



- **Skylights**
- **Sunrooms**
- **Transom Windows**
- **Sidelites**

Need help choosing the right glazing product for your next project? Call 888.602.4441 today to speak with a knowledgeable A-Team member!

fastening?

**A:** It is important to choose the correct fastener for your specific application. AmeriLux recommends using a #12 wood mate screw for wood and a #12 self-drilling screw for metal, such as aluminum or steel. If you are not using a self-drilling fastener, pre-drilling is a must so sheets can expand/contract with changes in temperature.



[More FAQs](#)

## Color Options for Multiwall Polycarbonate

### Multiwall Polycarbonate Colors



#### Selecting the Right Color

AmeriLux stocks multiwall polycarbonate sheets in **Clear, Bronze, Opal, White,** and **Softlite.**

Each color offers a different level of light transmission so you can choose the one that fits the needs of your specific project; whether you're looking for plenty of natural light, a level of privacy, or relief from the sun.

*Not all sheet thicknesses are available in every color.*

Below are examples of applications using a variety of multiwall colors.



*Call 888.602.4441 and speak to a knowledgeable A-Team member for help choosing the best product for your next project.*

### Links of Interest

- [Jakarta health facility is designed based on WHO guidelines for respiratory infections, featuring polycarbonate cladding](#)
- [This observatory in the Netherlands is wrapped in a cylindrical polycarbonate façade](#)
- [Commercial space turned physiotherapy clinic in Spain features multiwall polycarbonate partitions](#)

## News from Shape Products

### Spring Maintenance Checklist for Homeowners

For homeowners, along with the first signs of spring come the

long list of chores to complete before the busy summer months. Along with cosmetic chores, like cutting the grass, landscaping, etc. homeowners should also focus on more practical maintenance items to ensure that the systems around the home are functioning properly.



We know that the list of spring maintenance can seem long and daunting, so we've put together a checklist for homeowners. From the driveway all the way to the roof, we've got your spring maintenance checklist covered.

***Check out the [full article](#) on the Shape Products blog and subscribe so you never miss an update!***

## Company Highlights

### Putting Culture First

A little over a year ago, Kurt Voss sat down with Melinda Morella-Olson, Director of Strategic Engagement at Imaginasion, for a candid conversation about building an intentional culture, a strong brand, and the customer experience.



“Without a good culture, you don’t have a brand to sell. Culture serves as a multiplier. Where if you have a bad culture, it’s a divisor.” — Kurt Voss, CEO, AmeriLux Family of Companies

As a company, we continue to build upon this conversation by intentionally living our culture everyday through our interactions with each other, our investors, our customers, our vendors, and our community.

[Click here](#) to listen to their conversation and learn more about how AmeriLux chooses to succeed by ‘putting culture first’.

### Don't Confuse Activity with Results



**How We Succeed**  
**At AmeriLux**

At AmeriLux, we know that it is easy to feel busy. While there are many tasks that can fill our days, we are strategic in how we spend our time and energy - choosing actions that will propel us to reach our goals.

***"We don't complain or blame others when problems arise, but focus on effective solutions. When evaluating decisions and outcomes, we continually ask: 'Is it effective?' We prioritize things that contribute positively to a 'win,' and avoid things that are neutral or negative. We measure the usefulness of our activity by the meaningful results we produce."***

