

## Keeping Dallas safe and clean



HP EnviroVision team standing in front of office building

**T**om Palet had his heart set on environmental construction from an early start in college. Palet graduated with a Masters in environmental public health at the University of Wisconsin. Growing up in Ashland, WI, he moved to Texas shortly after graduation. During his internship in Dallas, TX, he gained experience by monitoring asbestos projects, even for a local school district.

Not long after completing his internship, Palet was an engineering consultant for roughly eight years. In the fall of 1992, he bought into **HP EnviroVision** in Dallas and started it from the ground up. Currently, there are over 100 employees servicing Dallas and surrounding cities. Soon

the company will be expanding into other markets where they are newly licensed, such as Arkansas and Oklahoma.

HP EnviroVision is an environmental remediation and interior demolition contractor. The company provides interior demolition services to projects that are hazard-free as well. Highly requested services are asbestos abatement and interior or demolition. Environmental risks that the company also specializes in are mold and lead paint. On-going service and maintenance takes place in many big named establishments, such as airports, manufacturers, retail stores, etc.

What makes HP EnviroVision unique is the cleanliness provided during the entire process of interior demolitions, "We are specialized where dust control is highly needed, for example restaurants and hospitals." As dirty demolition projects can be, Palet stresses on the importance of a safe and uncontaminated interior demolition service that his company executes.

As president of an environmental construction corporation, Palet loves interacting with clients and solving challenges, "I have the opportunity to meet and work with a diversity of people. Every job we do is different, and there are always new challenges in this industry; it is always fun."

*HP EnviroVision is an environmental construction contractor in Dallas, TX. -tnp*



Owner, Tom Palet sitting in his office

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## What's Trending in Interior/Exterior Surfaces

### 2019 Home Design Trends: 10 That are Hot!

**A**s a new year comes around, it's always fun to speculate on what trends-- from clothes to food and especially home design - will be showing up on Pinterest and high-end magazines. While good taste never goes out of style, some interior design trends represent changes in how bigger issues such as the environment, technology and family time are perceived. This has never been truer than what can be expected in 2019.

#### Sustainability Is a Megatrend

According to Domino magazine, "Sustainability is a movement that is becoming more widespread than ever, especially as it pertains to design—and come 2019, it will be an overarching theme that will be all too present. The concept of living a more eco-conscious lifestyle has become ingrained in the methodology of many designers, especially when it relates to how they approach their craft." Design experts note that the definition of sustainability has broadened. "Our approach to the things we surround ourselves with is shifting towards a longevity-focused one," says Muuto's design director, Christian Grosen, "prompting us to buy designs that will last for years into the future, both in their quality and aesthetic."

#### Nordic Is New...Again

Scandinavian design has been hot for several years and in 2019 it will be the same, only different. Designers suggest that this minimalistic, streamlined design will evolve into bold new details. "We are working a lot with earthier and tertiary pigments in our collection for a nice color mix that can fit into a multitude of environments, and pair with both simpler and more eclectic hues," noted Grosen. The 2019 IKEA catalog, he said, "emphasizes spaces filled with different shades of the same color or color family. The result is a lively, eye-popping collection of rooms that, hopefully, inspires you to take some colorful risks in your own space."

#### Cooking Up Bold Kitchens

What was once a whiter shade of pale is becoming more colorful. The kitchens pinned on Pinterest and seen in publications such as the IKEA catalog are full of darker shades, distinctive accents, and backsplashes that move beyond subway tile. "HGTV has really popularized the idea of the open concept and, because of this, we have begun seeing large indoor kitchen areas that open into living rooms and dining rooms," said Jacob Embry, sales representative for Acme Brick in Houston. "Kitchen islands have become larger and more uniquely shaped than they were in the past."



#### Fire Features Will Be Hot

Indoors or outdoors, fireplaces and fire features are a definite must-have for 2019, according to Housetrends magazine. These features can serve as a

cozy nook or focal point for a large room or outside entertainment area.



#### Here Comes the Sunroom

A trend that began last year will continue, according to Freshome magazine. Sunrooms, featuring large windows and great views, are a very popular feature for any home.

#### Mix and Match

The new rule in the types and combinations of interior building materials is simple: There is no rule. For example, combine rough-hewn wood with brick or stone for walls, along with slate floors and large, wooden beams on the ceiling to make a bold statement. "I have also noticed that builders are adding very tall fireplaces in living rooms," said Embry. "These fireplaces are dramatic when constructed of brick and reclaimed wood."

#### Welcome Home to Your Office

"The blurring of live-work boundaries and changing social needs are affecting the kinds of homes buyers want, especially as more and more people work remotely or are self-employed," writes the Vancouver Sun. "This creates a need for work spaces in the home, whether it's a home office space or a live-work unit." "The loft look continues to be sought after for both inner city and suburban residents," added Jacob Embry.

#### Go Organic with Natural Finishes

"Brick, stone, reclaimed wood and even bamboo are being incorporated in more and more new homes because these elements give the room a warm and cozy feel," Embry said. Freshome adds, "Whether it's finishing the fireplace with smooth river rock or using real wood for a kitchen butcher block, it's all about bringing the calm and serenity of the outdoors inside."

#### Living Rooms are Going Unplugged

With family time at a premium, technology - in the form of the internet, portable tablets, and interactive gadgets - is being banished from the living room for "time out" in 2019.

#### Bathroom Mirrors Will Make a Statement

The bathrooms of a home continue to evolve, and Housetrends magazine predicts a change in the mirror above the lavatory. The publication notes, "It's not just a rectangle. It's the centerpiece of the room."

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