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Welcome mat: The latest and greatest for your home

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As Michigan's population ages, more residents are going to be faced with the quandary of making their homes accessible for wheelchairs and walkers. David and Denise Seipke of Clawson needed a ramp after David lost leg control from an infection that spread to his spine, but didn't want a wooden ramp or one that obstructed from the beauty of their [home](#). Some companies told them it wasn't possible to build such a ramp until they found Dena Serrato, a landscape designer at Four Seasons Garden Center & Custom Landscape Services in Birmingham, Oak Park and Traverse City. Serrato helped the couple create a brick paver ramp that was functional, meets all Americans With Disabilities Act safety requirements and is esthetically attractive. Today, the Seipkes have an extension of their front porch that flows seamlessly with their landscaping and they're thrilled. "We are always pleased when people say they didn't even realize it was an accessibility ramp, but thought it was just great landscaping," says Denise Seipke.