



# What's in Your Backyard

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Extensions of the home, outdoor living spaces can include all the furniture, accents, and accoutrements that you would normally find indoors and added touches such as beautiful landscaping, pools, and spas.



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## COZY FIREPITS

Not all the heat has to come from the barbecue grill. Outdoor fireplaces take the chill off a cool night and create great ambience for anything from a glass of wine to a batch of s'mores. They come in a variety of built-in or free-standing arrangements.

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## OUTDOOR KITCHENS

Leave the kitchen cleanup outside with a beautifully arranged poolside or garden-inspired kitchen. Doesn't everything taste better when you are enjoying the sounds of nature? Not to mention you are leaving the heat outside where it belongs.

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## STYLISH FURNITURE

Choose groupings of furniture in the same durable fabric to give the living space a pulled-together look. Outdoor furniture stores and home-improvement stores offer all kinds of chairs, tables, and accessories in a wide range of prices.

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## LUSH LANDSCAPE

Manicured grass, flowering shrubs, or potted plants and flowers add natural beauty to your surroundings. Plant trees, tall shrubs, or climbing vines along the fence line to gain privacy and shade. Scott Bean at Outdoor Development recommends learning about the plants that will work best for you before you commit to them.

Weather-resistant outdoor decor can include things from functional lanterns to eye-catching ironwork to complement plants and flowers.

