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Turn Your Backyard into the Oasis of Your Dreams

Your backyard is your sanctuary. But you want to make it even better -- perhaps with a patio where your family can congregate, enjoy outdoor barbeques and entertain guests. Here are some tips to help turn your backyard into the oasis of your dreams.

- Install a new Patio or make changes to an existing patio.

You yearn for a lovely patio area for picnic lunches or to relax and read a book as you enjoy the sun. An outdoor living space is ideal for backyard get-togethers or just spending time with the family. Whether it's patterned flagstone or an array of different colored pavers, a patio is a great reason to move outdoors. After all, spring is just around the corner!

Photo Gallery – Patios:

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- Set up seats for relaxation.

Don't forget the tables, chairs and decorative planters to encourage people to relax in your backyard and enjoy your sanctuary. You will need to decide if you want permanent, built-in tables and chairs or benches on your patio or along strolling paths through your backyard landscape, or if you want furniture you can rearrange and store during inclement weather.

- Gather around the fire.

Bring your family together with a fire pit. Whether you're building a fire for cooking dinner, roasting marshmallows or to keep warm on a chilly evening, it will become a gathering place for your family and - if invited - friends and neighbors. Depending on your likes and dislikes, we can make your fire pit an elaborate congregational area with permanent benches and a decorative wood rack, or a simpler ring for cozy family cookouts.

- Keep the hunger pains at bay.

Perhaps you are looking for more than just relaxation; you want to fill your tummy as well. Outdoor barbeques are becoming increasingly popular, complete with drink coolers and sinks. For outdoor countertops, we use material that can withstand weather, yet still have a warm, natural look that will work with the other materials you're using on your patio. With our design team ready to help, creating your outdoor kitchen couldn't be easier. Get ready for the warm weather and cookouts in the backyard by installing it now!

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- Soothe the senses

Water features are popping up in backyards across the country. Families enjoy them by relaxing near the sound of trickling water and watching birds and other wildlife looking for a drink. Some homeowners enjoy small fountains surrounded by landscaping to provide the water ambiance, while others take the route of wanting a full water garden.

Self-contained water features are easily installed in less than a day, while kit ponds might take several days to set up. But the larger water features give you more opportunities to be creative - for example installing a bridge, water wheel, water falls or tiny streams.

Photo Gallery – Water Features:

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Once you have your backyard sanctuary complete, you'll have plenty of opportunities to enjoy your investment while relaxing. Contact us for any improvements on existing landscapes or perhaps any new projects that you are interested in discussing. Before you know it, you can be grilling dinner on your new outdoor barbeque while your family is relaxing on your new patio, enjoying the warmer weather this spring!

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