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The Smart Backyard

The temps might still be below freezing, but it's never too early to start planning for those backyard barbecues. BY ERIKA AYN FINCH



« Go Au Naturel

A backyard swimming pool doesn't have to mean dry skin and the smell of chlorine. BioNova Natural Pools have the aesthetic of a lush pond, and they treat water with the help of a biological filter and hydroponic plants. Translation: clean and clear pool water without the use of harsh chemicals. The pools can be heated and, thanks to the constant movement of the water, do not attract mosquitos. They require about the same upkeep as a traditional pool, though they will need some water-garden maintenance, too. It's a small price to pay for a natural-looking, chemical-free, summertime cooldown.

Freddy's Landscape Company, Fairfield, freddyslandscape.com



TV Tech »

Outdoor televisions have come a long way in recent years. Witness SunBrite's series of TVs designed for your specific space. If you are looking to place your television on your shaded patio, the 4K Veranda model is weatherproof with a bright screen built for full shade. The Signature series is perfect for locations that receive partial sunshine; the 4K unit boasts daytime and nighttime settings. And finally, for those who want to place their screen in full sunshine and still be able to watch the Sox versus the Yankees without squinting, the Pro Series is weatherproof with a tempered glass shield and a built-in heating and cooling system (it's available in an 85-inch, 4K version, too).

Hometronics Lifestyles, Durham, hometronicslifestyles.com



» Ask Alexa

Hot tubs can take several hours to warm up, and when you finally get cozy, no one wants to jump out to turn on the tunes. Luckily, your smart speaker can be programmed by the experts at Smart Home and Theater Systems to do all of this for you. Tell Siri to prep for a party, and before you know it, the hot tub is steamy, the lights are on, and your grill is ready to rock. Take the experience a step further with Coastal Source outdoor speakers (pictured). The weatherproof speakers can be programmed to interact with your virtual assistant. The best part? Reps will bring the speakers to your home, so you can hear what they will sound like before you make the investment.

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