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# White Hot

## Summer Backyards

The sun has set and night is falling. Give the air conditioner a well-deserved break and redecorate the patio into the coolest and comfiest spot of the house. You won't have to (or want to) move the party inside with these summer backyard tips and tricks.



AMMERÖ Gazebo

Yada Full Steel Offset Umbrella

Jewel Cocktail Picks

PARAMOUNT Flame Glass Tube Patio Heater



AMMERÖ Corner Section



PARAMOUNT Vermont Tile Combination Wood &amp; Gel Fuel Burning Firepit

### COMFORT:

There will be no room left for those white plastic chairs after this. Dress up the patio and furnish it with the hottest weather-friendly furniture that brings the comfort of the living room outside. Major retailers offer weather-friendly and weather-proof furniture in stylish sets or accessories for all budgets. Ikea offers the **AMMERÖ Coffee Table** (\$50 CDN) and **AMMERÖ Corner Section** (\$150 CDN) and Canadian Tire offers the **Tribeca 3-Piece Resin Wicker Patio Set** (\$299.99 CDN), **Sedona Conversation Set** (Sedona Corner Chair: \$220.00 (toss cushion included) CDN, **Sedona Middle Chair**: \$160.00 (Bolster included) CDN, and **Sedona Ottoman**: \$99.99 CDN).

### CHILLING OUT:

Stay cool while enjoying the summer sun with these shade options. Ikea offers the **AMMERÖ Gazebo** (\$249 CDN) to match the patio

set and check out this backyard **Yada Full Steel Offset Umbrella** (\$149 CDN) from The Home Depot. Another cool option is the **ezShade** (\$24.95-\$39.95 USD, depending on the size). **EzShades** are lightweight and can be attached to canopies or umbrellas to provide additional shade for comfortable sun-free relaxing. To stay hydrated outside, The Home Depot offers the **Martha Stewart Living Cascade Valley Party Bar** for \$299 CDN. For a non-traditional option to keep drinks cool and refreshing, freeze cocktail picks like these **Jewel Cocktail Picks** (\$32.00 CDN) from Urban Barn and lemon and lime wedges, and add those to drinks instead of ice cubes.

### BUG FREE:

Put a tropical twist on keeping bugs astray with these **Deluxe Copper Citronella Torches** (\$17.99 CDN) from Canadian Tire. They last from day to night and help set the mood post-sunset. Another bug-free option is to place citronella candles in tea lights or candle

Martha Stewart Living Cascade Valley Party Bar



Canopy with ezshade



umbrella with ezShade curtain



Tribeca 3-Piece Resin Wicker Patio Set



Paramount Square Garden Burner



MÖRKT Lantern for Tealight



The Sedona Conversation Set



AMMERÖ Coffee Table



Paramount Round Garden Burner



Deluxe Copper Citronella Torch



holders. Try the **MÖRKT Lantern for Tealight** (\$12.99 CDN) from Ikea. Place a series of candles or torches around the patio, turn off the lights to save a little energy and have a BBQ party by candlelight. Just don't forget to blow out the candles after all the fun.

### STAYING COZY:

For cooler summer eves try these stylish warming accessories. The Home Depot has the **PARAMOUNT Vermont Tile Combination Wood & Gel Fuel Burning Firepit** (\$149.99 CDN) and the **PARAMOUNT Flame Glass Tube Patio Heater** (\$349.99 CDN). With the use of these warmers you can enjoy the summer nights longer. Or take a cozy throw out and turn the late spring and early fall into patio weather as well. For smaller options and to create a series of warmers around the patio and deck look at the **Paramount Square Garden Burner** (\$39.99 CDN) and the **Paramount Round Garden Burner** (\$29.99) also from The Home Depot.

Try combining the four pointers for backyard living for a fabulous summer in your very own backyard. Personalize your space depending on what you need. If you need a child-friendly option, a variety of places also offer swing sets, wading pools and sprinklers for endless kiddie fun. Or try setting up the television to face out a window and relax on the patio. Start up the barbeque if the big game is on or cozy up to that loved one and enjoy your favourite movie under the stars.



Smoke, grill and BBQ the best wings with this **Non-Stick BBQ Wing Rack** (\$9.99 CDN) and enjoy every tender morsel.



For the star attraction of the backyard, take a look at the **Cuisinart™ Infrared Gourmet C782IRS-R Barbeque** (\$649.99 CDN). It has 730 square inches of grilling space, three stainless steel double burners and an infrared side burner and infrared rotisserie burner makes this barbeque one of the best around.



Pick up one of these **Weber Pizza Stones** (available for \$79.99 CDN) and create homemade pizzas with that perfect crust. Try making your very own topping combinations.



Chicken, add a little beer and a sprinkle of seasoning and you've got yourself the start of a good meal. The best part is, now you can infuse a whole chicken with the flavour of beer using the **Beer Can Chicken Roaster** (\$9.99 CDN).

# Throw it on the Bar-B, BBQ Quintessentials

Forget the take out menus; give the kitchen a rest and reclaim the grill.

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For optimal smoke flavour and barbeque coverage try these **Weber Flavourizer Bars** for only \$139.99 CDN. With proper care and usage, these flavourizer bars will last through the grilling season and into the next.



Grill on! With this **BBQ handlebar LED Light** for only \$19.99 CDN night fall won't stop the food fun. Just attach to the handle on your BBQ and light up the grill far into the night.

