

Build your own backyard bar this summer

Do you basically live on your patio during the summer? Then why not set up a bar area to have everything you need to prepare refreshing cocktails — and tasty snacks — close at hand? Tempted? Here are some things to consider.

First off, determine how you'll be using your bar. For instance, would you like to be able to enjoy it on rainy days or late in the season? You'll also need to think about how you'll shield the area from the sun, wind and rain (you could use an awning, for example). Furthermore, to choose the right location for your bar, consider the logistical aspect of water and electrical hook-ups.

Are you looking to build a temporary setup (adding a counter during the summer, for example) or a permanent bar area that can weather the winter? In either case, choose materials that are resistant to weather damage and UV light. Wood (teck or cedar), braided resin, composite, stainless steel, stone and brick, are all good choices. Just make sure the materials you choose match the

look of your home.

Finally, don't neglect the safety aspect. As you'll likely be using your bar during the evening, you'll need adequate lighting both for the area itself and the path leading up to it. For the rest, it's all a matter of taste: exotic or modern; chic or rustic; what does your dream backyard bar look like?



Sparkling grapefruit cocktail

For the cocktail:

- Juice of 1 lime
- 1 1/2 oz. simple syrup*
- 1 1/2 oz. white rum or gin
- 3 oz. grapefruit juice
- Sparkling wine or champagne

For the garnish:

- 1 grapefruit, quartered
- A few fresh mint leaves

Kick off barbecue season in style by raising a glass of this refreshing, summery cocktail.

*A common ingredient in cocktails, simple syrup is easy to prepare: mix 1 cup of water and 1 cup of white sugar in a small saucepan, then dissolve the sugar over low heat stirring continuously until the mixture thickens.

Directions

Place a few ice cubes in a mason jar. Add the first four ingredients for the cocktail to the glass and top up with sparkling wine or champagne. Garnish with quartered grapefruit and fresh mint.

Come in and get your Summer on!



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NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE

From May 14 to October 31, 2018, the Halton Region Health Department will be conducting a mosquito larviciding program under the direction of the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Hamidah Meghani, to reduce the incidence of West Nile virus (WNV) in the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton and the Town of Oakville.

Larviciding in standing water

Where monitoring indicates that mosquito larvae are present, the biological larvicide VectoBac 200G (PCP# 18158, granular) or VectoBac 1200L (PCP# 21062, liquid) will be applied to affected standing water on public lands in urban areas. Signs will be posted at each location indicating when and where the larvicide is applied.

Larviciding in catch basins

Where monitoring indicates that mosquito larvae are present, the larvicide Altosid Pellets (PCP# 21809, pellet) or Altosid XR Briquets (PCP# 27694, ingot) will be placed by hand into catch basins. All larvicides will be applied by Ministry of Environment and Climate Change licensed applicators or technicians.

For the locations and dates of treatment, visit halton.ca/wnv. For more information about West Nile virus, call 311.

Join us on May 26 for Halton's Paramedic Day

Halton's paramedics provide high quality care to residents and keep our community safe and healthy 365 days a year. On Saturday, May 26, we will celebrate their hard work and dedication at our second annual Paramedic Day! Join us at Woodlands Operations Centre (1179 Bronte Road in Oakville) and get a behind-the-scenes look at our Paramedic Services. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine, with activities for the whole family. To learn more about the event, visit halton.ca/paramedicday. I look forward to seeing you there!



Gary Carr
Regional Chair

Meetings at Halton Region, 1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville, L6M 3L1
Visit halton.ca/meetings for full schedule.

May 23 9:30 a.m. Regional Council