Make your backyard pool a summertime oasis

A summer pool oasis is a step beyond your average swimming pool experience. It's an environment that adds wellness and richness to simple swimming. Depending on your taste, it can be designed in many different styles. For some, an oasis could be a tropical getaway; for others, a desert hideaway, or even your very own 5-star spa resort. Based upon your vision of your swimming space, landscapers and contractors can create a vacation destination in your own backyard.

Keep in mind that, although you may have heard that you should install a pool in the fall, there's really no bad time to do so. And what could be more refreshing on hot summer days than soaking in your own pool?

Create a sense of privacy

You probably wouldn't want your neighbours to peek into your sanctuary. Fortunately, you can add fences, plant a large hedge or create a

living wall to ensure you, your family and your guests have a private place to relax and play. Apart from privacy, there are three other main points to consider in the design of your backyard refuge from the hustle and bustle of daily living.

Add an outdoor sitting area

Every summer paradise needs a sitting area where you



can relax, read a great book or enjoy a speical dinner or a family game night. Decorate your patio or a standalone gazebo with comfortable garden furniture. Since it's exposed to different weather conditions, from the sun to rain, make sure your garden furniture is made from durable and waterproof materials and shaded with large umbrellas or trees. Decorate your space with patterned cushions, plants and various ornaments for visual interest.

Think about your garden design

Apart from the swimming pool, you could also install different water garden options, such as a fountain, pond or rocky waterfall. Apart from these water features, use the land around the pool to brighten up sightlines and provide a lush appearance. For example, you can plant eucalyptus, lavender, or basil. Not only will these plants freshen the air, but their beautiful colour will give character to your whole yard. Just be ready to maintain your garden regularly. Keeping this in mind, make sure you mow the lawn, pull the weeds, trim the tree branches and water the garden regularly.

Don't forget about the kids

Your kids need outdoor living space as much as you do, so make one part of your backyard into a children's playground by the pool. There are many affordable DIY projects to give them a place to play. Add a treehouse,

a sandbox or put up a swing.

Your summer backyard doesn't have to be over-the-top for every family member to be satisfied. With a beautiful pool and a couple of adjustments, any backyard can be transformed into a summer oasis.

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