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Top Outdoor Entertainment Additions for a Perfect Summer

Prepping for summer and outdoor gatherings means turning your outdoor space from “alright” to “awesome”! Here are some of my favorite ideas:

- **Fire Pit or Fireplace:** Installing a fire pit or an outdoor fireplace creates a cozy atmosphere for gatherings and provides warmth during cooler evenings.
- **Outdoor Kitchen:** Building an outdoor kitchen equipped with a grill, countertops, and a seating area allows for enjoyable outdoor cooking and dining experiences.
- **Deck or Patio Upgrade:** Enhancing a deck or patio with comfortable furniture, lighting, and decor can transform it into a welcoming entertainment space.
- **Swimming Pool or Hot Tub:** Installing a pool or a hot tub allows for refreshing and entertaining outdoor experiences, especially during warmer months.
- **Sports and Games Area:** Creating a designated area for games like cornhole, bocce, or even setting up a mini-golf course appeals to families and friends.

- **Outdoor Bar or Beverage Station:** Building a bar or beverage station stocked with refreshments encourages socializing and relaxation.
- **Music and Sound Systems:** Installing outdoor speakers or sound systems enhances the ambiance during gatherings or parties.
- **Garden or Nature Retreat:** Designing a serene garden space with comfortable seating allows for relaxation and quiet outdoor enjoyment.



On the Summer Solstice, the sun will rise at the farthest left point on the horizon and will set at its rightmost possible spot. On this day, sunlight will illuminate places in your home that are touched by the sun at no other time during the year.



Top Tips for Preparing for Summer Storms

Preparing for the inevitable storms this summer involves several key steps to ensure safety and readiness for when it hits:

- **Assemble an emergency kit with essentials** such as water, non-perishable food, flashlights, batteries, first aid supplies, medications, important documents, and a portable radio.
- **Create a family emergency plan**, including designated meeting places and contact information. Ensure everyone knows what to do and where to go in case of evacuation.
- **Reinforce windows, doors, and garage doors.** Bring in or secure outdoor furniture, trash cans, and anything that could become a projectile in high winds.
- **Consider investing in a generator or alternative power sources** in case of power outages. Test them beforehand and ensure they are in working condition.
- **Charge electronic devices** and have backup charging methods available. Keep important contacts saved and easily accessible.
- **Monitor weather updates** and emergency broadcasts through a battery-powered radio, TV, or smartphone.
- **Have helmets and protective gear available**, especially if seeking shelter in a basement or storm cellar.

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It's impossible to hum while holding your nose.

When you hum, the air is only able to escape through your nose when you create the humming sound, and it can't escape when you hold your nose shut.



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