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KNOW?**

Earth truly has a heart of gold. According to researchers, 99% of the planet's gold lies in the core—so much that if it were spread across the surface, our world would be wrapped in a glittering layer of gold over a foot thick. The catch? It's locked nearly 2,000 miles below us.

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Moving in the Summer? Start Planning Now

Summer is the busiest season for moving, and if you want to be settled before school starts, a little planning goes a long way. Here's a simple timeline to keep you on track:

- 1. Connect with an Agent (me!) & Get Pre-Approved** – Sit down with a real estate professional to map out your move and secure financing.
- 2. Declutter & Organize** – Start early by sorting what to keep, donate, or toss. It will make packing (and showing your home) much easier.
- 3. Prep Your Home** – Knock out small repairs, add fresh paint, and boost curb appeal to attract buyers quickly.
- 4. Research & Decide** – Look into neighborhoods, school districts, and commutes to narrow your search.
- 5. List or Hunt** – Sellers: put your home on the market. Buyers: start touring homes and making offers.
- 6. Book Movers** – Summer is peak season, so reserve your movers or rental truck well in advance.
- 7. Handle Logistics** – Transfer school records, set up utilities, and update your address.
- 8. Pack Smart** – Label boxes, pack essentials separately, and get kids' rooms ready first for an easier transition.

Grilling Season is Here: Outdoor Kitchen & Patio Trends

As the weather warms up, backyards are becoming the go-to gathering spot for family and friends. Outdoor kitchens and stylish patios aren't just about convenience—they're one of the top ways homeowners are creating more livable space and adding value to their homes. Here are some of the hottest trends to inspire your own backyard setup:

- **Built-In Grills & Outdoor Kitchens** – Full cooking stations with counters, sinks, and storage for a seamless outdoor experience.
- **Pizza Ovens** – From wood-fired to modern gas models, these bring gourmet fun to family nights.
- **Pergolas & Shade Structures** – Define outdoor rooms and create comfort with shade, draping vines, or retractable canopies.
- **Fire Pits & Fire Tables** – Perfect for s'mores, late-night chats, and extending outdoor enjoyment into cooler evenings.
- **Eco-Friendly Decking** – Sustainable, low-maintenance materials that hold up beautifully to summer weather.
- **Outdoor Bars & Beverage Stations** – Keep refreshments close by for easy entertaining.
- **String Lights & Lanterns** – Add charm, sparkle, and a welcoming glow once the sun sets.
- **Comfy Lounge Furniture** – Sectionals, cushioned chairs, and hammocks turn patios into true living rooms outside.



Weird, But True!

In the late 1800s, people actually ate arsenic to clear up their skin. Products like Dr. James P. Campbell's "Safe Arsenic Complexion Wafers" promised to banish freckles and blackheads—never mind the fact that arsenic is, well... poison.



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