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How to Extend Your Living Area to Outdoor Spaces

When warmer weather arrives, it's all about spending time in your home's outdoor spaces. Here are a few new ideas for transforming your porch, deck or yard into an oasis of relaxation.

Furnish

Given the broad scope of weatherproof furnishings, cushions, pillows and even rugs available on the market today, there is absolutely no reason that your outdoor spaces can't offer the same level of comfort and beauty as any den or living room, especially now that you've supplied your outdoor space with electrical power and the flexibility to install such amenities as an entertainment center, ceiling fans and even chandeliers.

Just be sure everything you install is weather-proofed and protected against the elements, and that you select only outdoor-grade products. However, you can extend the life of certain items by taking extra precautions during extreme weather and the off-season.

By giving your home's outdoor spaces the same attention to detail as the indoors, you can extend your living spaces and even create new "rooms" in which to dine, relax and entertain.

Spruce Up

Before getting down to brass tacks, it's time to give your outdoor spaces a once-over and note what basic maintenance and cleaning are needed; be sure to sweep up porches and decks of debris, dust off and move outdoor furniture out of storage and prune trees and plants that need it. This may be a good time to refinish or re-stain an older deck in need of some tender loving care. Want to add a splash of color to the space? Give some time-worn wooden furniture a new paint job in a bold hue.

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Power Up

To match the true comfort of indoor life to your home's outdoor spaces, you'll need a safe, code-compliant and unobtrusive way to power fans, lighting, entertainment, electric appliances and more.

To add an outlet to raised outdoor floors, porches and decks, consider installing a Deck Outlet Cover from Hubbell TayMac. Accommodating two power cords, it lets you put the power where you want it -- in a safe place where people are less likely to trip over cords.

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Shave Strokes Off Your Golf Game *Without the Eraser*

To shave strokes from your golf game, the only equipment you need is a "good eraser." Although this phrase is uttered jokingly by many golfers, recreational golfers who've reached their plateau have had very few other options, until now. If recreational golfers insist on following the rules used by the PGA Tour, there's little they can do to immediately improve their game," says John Hoeflich, executive director, of the United States Recreational Golf Association (USRGA). "However, if they play by USRGA rules, they do have the option to switch to better equipment." The USRGA is the official organization that governs recreational golf. Its rules allow the use of higher-performance golf equipment. Hoeflich estimates that more than half of U.S. golfers agree with the USRGA rules that permit equipment that "puts fun back in the game, speeds up play and helps achieve better scores." Callaway Golf started the recreational equipment movement in 2000 with the ERC II driver. Now Polara Golf is advancing the movement with its Advantage driver and Ultimate Straight golf balls — both engineered to eclipse the PGA limits, which means you can't play them in the Masters or U.S. Open.

David Felker, chief technology officer for Polara Golf, explains, "Our drivers and balls are not intended for the top amateur players and professionals. We pur-

posely designed equipment that exceeds the performance limits accepted by the PGA Tour, so that recreational golfers can experience less frustration, score lower and have more fun." A 2012 Google consumer survey revealed that 63 percent of respondents would consider using golf equipment that provides a performance advantage. This sentiment is shared by the PGA of America president, Ted Bishop, who says, "I think anything we can do to relax the rules, if it means putting non-conforming equipment in the hands of players that enable them to hit the ball higher and farther and enjoy the game more — what's the problem?" According to the National Golf Foundation, golf rounds have fallen by 8 percent since 2007, largely due to the frustrations of the game, excessive play times and high costs. "The technology now exists to make golf more pleasurable for everyone," says Felker. "Who doesn't want to have more fun?"

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PGA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

JAN 15 - 18
Sony Open in Hawaii
 Waialae Country Club
 Honolulu, HI

JAN 22 - 25
The American Express
 Pete Dye Stadium Course
 La Quinta, CA

JAN 29 - FEB 1
Farmers Insurance Open
 Torrey Pines Golf Course
 San Diego, CA

FEB 5 - 8
WM Phoenix Open
 TPC Scottsdale (Stadium
 Course)
 Scottsdale, AZ

FEB 12 - 15
**AT&T Pebble Beach
 Pro-Am**
 Pebble Beach Golf Links
 Pebble Beach, CA

FEB 19 - 22
The Genesis Invitational
 The Riviera Country Club
 Pacific Palisades, CA

FEB 26 - MAR 1
Cognizant Classic
 PGA National Resort
 Palm Beach Gardens, FL

MAR 5 - 8
**Arnold Palmer Invitational
 presented by Mastercard**
 Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club
 & Lodge
 Orlando, FL

MAR 5 - 8
Puerto Rico Open
 Grand Reserve Golf Club
 Rio Grande, PUR

MAR 12 - 15
THE PLAYERS Championship
 TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS
 Stadium Course)
 Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

MAR 19 - 22
Valspar Championship
 Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead
 Course)
 Palm Harbor, FL

MAR 26 - 29
**Texas Children's Houston
 Open**
 Memorial Park Golf Course
 Houston, TX

APR 2 - 5
Valero Texas Open
 TPC San Antonio (Oaks Course)
 San Antonio, TX

APR 9 - 12
Masters Tournament
 Augusta National Golf Club
 Augusta, GA

APR 16 - 19
RBC Heritage
 Harbour Town Golf Links
 Hilton Head Island, SC

APR 23 - 26
Zurich Classic of New Orleans
 TPC Louisiana
 Avondale, LA

APR 30 - MAY 3
Miami Championship
 Trump National Doral
 Miami, FL

MAY 7 - 10
Truist Championship
 Quail Hollow Club,
 Charlotte, NC

MAY 7 - 10
**ONEflight Myrtle Beach
 Classic**
 The Dunes Golf and Beach
 Club
 Myrtle Beach, SC

MAY 14 - 17
PGA Championship
 Aronimink Golf Club,
 Newtown Square, PA

MAY 21 - 24
**THE CJ CUP Byron
 Nelson**
 TPC Craig Ranch
 McKinney, TX

MAY 28 - 31
Charles Schwab Challenge
 Colonial Country Club
 Fort Worth, TX



JUN 4 - 7
**the Memorial Tournament
 presented by Workday**
 Muirfield Village Golf Club
 Dublin, OH

JUN 11 - 14
RBC Canadian Open
 TPC Toronto (North Course)
 Caledon, Ontario CAN

JUN 18 - 21
U.S. Open
 Shinnecock Hills Golf Club,
 Southampton, NY

JUN 25 - 28
Travelers Championship
 TPC River Highlands
 Cromwell, CT

JUL 2 - 5
John Deere Classic
 TPC Deere Run
 Silvis, IL

JUL 9 - 12
Genesis Scottish Open
 The Renaissance Club
 North Berwick, SCO

JUL 9 - 12
ISCO Championship
 Hurstbourne Country Club
 Louisville, KY

JUL 16 - 19
The Open Championship
 Royal Birkdale Golf Club,
 Southport, England

JUL 16 - 19
**Corales Puntacana
 Championship**
 Puntacana Resort & Club
 Dominican Republic



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JUL 23 - 26

3M Open

TPC Twin Cities
Blaine, MN

JUL 30 - AUG 2

Rocket Mortgage Classic

Detroit Golf Club
Detroit, MI

AUG 6 - 9

Wyndham Championship

Sedgefield Country Club
Greensboro, NC

AUG 13 - 16

FedEx St. Jude Championship

TPC Southwind
Memphis, TN

AUG 20 - 23

BMW Championship

Bellerive Country Club
St. Louis, MO

AUG 27 - 30

TOUR Championship

East Lake Golf Club
Atlanta, GA

SEP 24 - 27

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4 Reasons to Consider Buying a Home *In The Off-Season*

As a home buyer, you can optimize your home buying if you move forward with your search during the off-season of where you wish to live. In very hot climates, the off-season will be during the summer, while in most other parts of the country, it would be during the winter months. Here are a few reasons you may want to consider buying your home out of season.

A seller who lists his or her house during the off-season is more likely to be very motivated to get the home sold. Therefore, you can benefit because the seller will be more willing to negotiate on price and terms, especially if you present a fair offer. There are usually fewer buyers when you decide to shop when it's not peak market time. Fewer buyers mean less competition and no price wars. Buyers tend to be more focused on the holidays during the winter, while communities in hotter climates draw virtually no competing home-buying snowbirds during the summer.

The off-season can mask the usually attractive curb appeal of a home, it can also provide a more realistic viewing of a home without the gingerbread. You can better see the "bones" of a home with minimal landscaping and possible deferred maintenance. The durability of a prospective property can be better tested when you

shop off-season since the mechanics of the home are being put to use on a daily basis. The furnace output is being tested to its maximum capability in cooler winter zones, while the air conditioning is being constantly challenged in the desert climates during the summer.

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LPGA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Jan 29 - Feb 1
Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
 Lake Nona Golf & Country Club
 Orlando, FL

Feb 19 - 22
Honda LPGA Thailand
 Siam Country Club, Pattaya Old Course, Chonburi, Thailand

Feb 26 - Mar 1
HSBC Women's World Championship
 Sentosa Golf Club, Tanjong Course, Singapore

Mar 5 - 8
Blue Bay LPGA
 Jian Lake Blue Bay Golf Club
 People's Republic of China

Mar 19 - 22
Fortinet Founders Cup
 Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club
 Menlo Park, CA

Mar 26 - 29
Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
 Whirlwind Golf Club,
 Chandler, AZ

Apr 2 - 5
Aramco Championship
 Shadow Creek,
 North Las Vegas, NV

Apr 16 - 19
JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
 El Caballero Country Club,
 Los Angeles, CA

Apr 23 - 26
The Chevron Championship
 To be Confirmed

Apr 30 - May 3
Mexico Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba
 El Camaleon Golf Course at Mayakoba,
 Quintana Roo, Mexico

May 7 - 10
Mizuho Americas Open
 Mountain Ridge Country Club
 West Caldwell, NJ

May 14 - 17
Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G
 Maketewah Country Club,
 Cincinnati, OH

May 29 - 31
ShopRite LPGA Classic Presented by Acer
 Seaview, Bay Course, Galloway, NJ

Jun 4 - 7
U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
 Riviera Country Club,
 Pacific Palisades, California

Jun 11 - 14
Dow Championship
 Midland Country Club, Midland, MI

Jun 18 - 21
Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
 Blythefield Country Club,
 Belmont, MI

Jun 25 - 28
KPMG Women's PGA Championship
 Hazeltine National Golf Club
 Chaska, MN

Jul 9 - 12
The Amundi Evian Championship
 Evian Resort Golf Club, France

Jul 23 - 26
ISPS Handa Women's Scottish Open
 Dundonald Links, Scotland

Jul 30 - Aug 2
AIG Women's Open
 Royal Lytham & St. Annes Golf Club,
 Lancashire, England

Aug 13 - 16
The Standard Portland Classic
 Columbia Edgewater Country Club,
 Portland, OR

Aug 20 - 23
CPKC Women's Open
 Royal Mayfair Golf Club
 Alberta, Canada

Aug 27 - 30
FM Global Championship
 TPC Boston, Norton, MA

Sep 11 - 13
Solheim Cup
 Bernardus Golf, Cromvoirt,
 Netherlands



Sep 25 - 27
Walmart NW Arkansas Championship Presented by P&G
 Pinnacle Country Club, Rogers, AR

Oct 1 - 4
LOTTE Championship
 Hoakalei Country Club
 Ewa Beach, Oahu, HI

Oct 15 - 18
Buick LPGA Shanghai
 Qizhong Garden Golf Club
 Shanghai, People's Republic of China

Oct 22 - 25
BMW Ladies Championship
 Pine Beach Golf Links, Republic of Korea

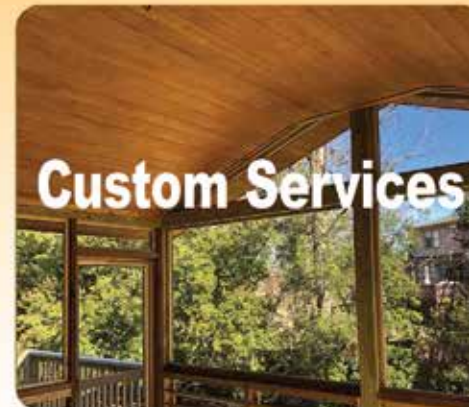
Oct 29 - Nov 1
Maybank Championship
 Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club,
 Malaysia

Nov 5 - 8
TOTO Japan Classic
 Taiheiyō Club Minori Course
 baraki, Japan

Nov 12 - 15
The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
 Pelican Golf Club,
 Belleair, FL

Nov 19 - 22
CME Group Tour Championship
 Tiburón Golf Club,
 Naples, FL

Dec 11 - 13
Grant Thornton Invitational
 Tiburón Golf Club,
 Naples, FL



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CHAMPIONS TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE



JAN 22 - 24
Mitsubishi Electric
Championship at Hualalai
 Hualalai GC
 Ka'upulehu-Kona, HI

FEB 13 - 15
Chubb Classic
 Tiburon Golf Club
 Naples, FL

MAR 6 - 8
James Hardie Pro-Football
Hall of Fame Invitational
 The Old Course at Broken
 Sound,
 Boca Raton, FL

MAR 20 - 22
Cologuard Classic
 La Poloma Country Club
 Tucson, AZ

MAR 27 - 29
Hoag Classic
 Newport Beach CC
 Newport Beach, CA

APR 16 - 19
Senior PGA Championship
 The Concession Golf Club
 Bradenton, FL

APR 24 - 26
Mitsubishi Electric Classic
 TPC Sugarloaf
 Duluth, GA

APR 30 - MAY 3
Regions Tradition
 Greystone G&CC
 Birmingham, AL

MAY 8 - 10
Insperty Invitational
 The Woodlands CC
 The Woodlands, TX

MAY 21 - 23
Trophy Hassan II
 Royal Golf Dar Es Salam,
 Rabat

JUN 5 - 7
American Family Insurance
Championship
 TPC Wisconsin
 Madison, WI

JUN 12 - 14
Principal Charity Classic
 Wakonda Club
 Des Moines, IA

JUN 26 - 28
DICK'S Open
 En-Joie GC,
 Endicott, NY

JUL 2 - 5
U.S. Senior Open
Championship
 Scioto CC
 Columbus, OH

JUL 9 - 12
Kaulig Companies
Championship
 Firestone CC,
 Akron, OH

JUL 23 - 26
ISPS HANDA Senior Open
 Gleneagles Hotel (Kings
 Course) Auchterarder, Scotland

JUL 31 - AUG 2
Portugal Invitational
 The Els Club Vilamoura
 Algarve, Portugal

AUG 14 - 16
Boeing Classic
 The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge
 Snoqualmie, WA

AUG 21 - 23
Rogers Charity Classic
 Canyon Meadows G&CC
 Calgary, AB

AUG 28 - 30
The Ally Challenge
 Warwick Hills G&CC
 Grand Blanc, MI

SEP 11 - 13
Sanford International
 Minnehaha Country Club
 Sioux Falls, SD

SEP 18 - 20
PURE Insurance
Championship
 Pebble Beach Golf Links
 Monterey Peninsula, CA

OCT 2 - 4
Jefferson Lehigh Valley
Classic
 Lehigh Country Club
 Allentown, PA

OCT 9 - 11
Constellation FURYK &
FRIENDS
 Ocean Course
 Palm Coast, FL

OCT 16 - 18
SAS Championship
 Prestonwood CC
 Cary, NC

OCT 23 - 25
Stifel Charity Classic
 Norwood Hills Country Club
 St. Louis, MO

OCT 30 - NOV 1
Simmons Bank
Championship
 Pleasant Valley Country Club
 Little Rock, AR

NOV 12 - 15
Charles Schwab Cup
Championship
 Phoenix Country Club
 Phoenix, AZ

NOV 30 - DEC 6
Skechers World Champions
Cup supporting Shriners
Children's
 Feather Sound Country Club
 Clearwater, FL

DEC 14 - 20
PNC Championship
 Ritz-Carlton GC
 Orlando, FL



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The bathroom is one of the most frequented and important places in a home. A bathroom affords the user absolute and total privacy in which he can complete his normal calls of nature.

The Significance

The bathroom is one of the most frequented and important places in a home. A bathroom affords the user absolute and total privacy in which he can complete his normal calls of nature. The bathroom can be tastefully decorated with bathroom tile which forms one of the most common items of decorating a bathroom. There are wide variations as far as adorning a bathroom is concerned, albeit the most well known areas of applications of tiles are in the wet areas of the bathroom. These wet areas are predominantly around the wash basins, showers and faucets from where water flows continuously.

General Awareness

There is a widespread growing awareness amongst home owners on the concepts of home improvement and particularly the bathroom. The walls and the floors of the bathroom are the primary areas for using bathroom tiles, whether they are used as Bathroom Wall Tiles or carpet tiles for the floor. There is a wide range of bathroom tiles available, which at time makes it difficult for the user to select the right type of tiles that would suit the decor of the home. One of the basic advantages of using tiles in the bathroom is that tiles are impervious and water resistant in nature. The water resistant property of the tiles does not allow water to seep in to the walls and floors of the bathroom thereby protecting them from irreparable damage from water. Needless to say that water is considered to be the most powerful destroyer of the most water tight constructions.

An Assortment

A large variety of tiles are available that not only are created from the finest materials but are more decorous providing an elegance to the bathroom in a house. There is a wide choice of flooring's that could be used such as Ceramic Flooring or vinyl flooring which are available in varying sizes, colors and designs and can be chosen as per the decor of the bathroom and the size of the tile can be measured in conformance to the available size of the bathroom. Vinyl floor tiles are easily affordable and are easily maintainable as compared to other types of floor tiles. The present trend is a majority of people going in for designer tiles that add a grace to the bathroom. One of the other alternatives available is the stone wall tiles that can be used for decorating the bathroom walls and slate flooring which provides both robustness and a distinct style to the bathroom.

A Glass tile is one of the most popular tiles that have paved its path in to the bathrooms since glass tiles are created from recycled glass and are environment friendly to the users. A kitchen tile cannot in any way be used in the bathroom since it is singularly meant for use in the kitchen.



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Look out for These Home Inspection Red Flags

A home purchase is likely the biggest investment you will ever make. To protect your investment and your personal health and safety, you want to be aware of red flags that could signal significant problems with the home that you wish to buy.

Structural red flags are the most serious because they threaten the integrity of the home. Look for large basement floor cracks and bumps. Doors and windows that are out of alignment, along with steps that have separated from the foundation, are all indications of settling of the home.

Mold-related issues are often detected in older homes with deferred maintenance and may not have easy fixes. Keep an eye out for patches of black mold in the house as well as any mold-related odor, unventilated bathrooms or bubbled paint. Even an untrained eye can uncover red flags associated with destructive pests. Powdery residue around wood elements, grinding sounds, and hollow areas in floors and walls are indicators of wood-destroying pests. Droppings and bug body parts are also signs of insect infestation.

Defective roofing can present you with several threats to a home's integrity. Beware of a roof that is over 20 years old and displays cracked and missing shingles or has evidence of previous repairs. Once inside the home, keep an eye on the ceiling, where there may be staining or patchy paint.



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RIB RECIPE

10 MINS PREP | 2 HR COOK TIME

INGREDIENTS

RIBS

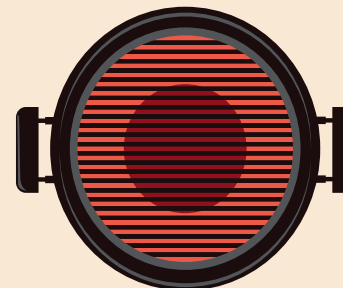
- 4 POUNDS (2 KG) BABY BACK PORK RIBS
- 2 TEASPOONS GARLIC POWDER
- 1 TEASPOON ONION POWDER
- 2 TEASPOONS PAPRIKA
- 2 TEASPOONS SALT
- 1 TEASPOON CRACKED BLACK PEPPER
- 1/2 TEASPOON CUMIN
- 1 TEASPOON CHILI OR CAYENNE POWDER (OPTIONAL)
- 2 TABLESPOONS OLIVE OIL

SAUCE

- 2 CUPS (500ML) BARBECUE SAUCE
- 3 TABLESPOONS MINCED GARLIC
- 2 TABLESPOONS OLIVE OIL
- 1 TABLESPOON WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE
- 1 TABLESPOON CAYENNE PEPPER (OPTIONAL FOR HEAT)
- 1 TEASPOON SALT

INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C).
- Peel off tough membrane that covers the underside/bony side of the ribs. Place on a baking sheet or tray lined with foil (or parchment paper).
- Combine together garlic powder, onion powder, paprika, salt, pepper, cumin and chili or Cayenne. Sprinkle seasoning over ribs and drizzle with oil. Rub the seasoning all over the ribs on both sides. Cover tray with foil and bake for 2 hours.
- During the last 5 minutes of cook time, mix together sauce ingredients.
 - Remove ribs from the oven, remove foil and spread the tops of the ribs with the barbecue sauce mixture.
 - Increase oven temperature to 460°F (240°C). Return ribs to the oven, uncovered, and bake for a further 10 minutes. Change oven settings to broil (or grill) on medium-high heat to lightly char and caramelize the edges (about 3 minutes).
 - Rest for 10 minutes to allow the juices to recirculate back into the meat before slicing.
 - **Enjoy!**





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Services



Pool Leaks



Irrigation Leaks

Non-Invasive Leak Detection for Homes & Businesses

Our specialists use acoustic listening, pressure testing, and electronic line tracing to detect plumbing leaks accurately. By isolating problem points through data-driven diagnostics, we deliver clear findings while keeping property disruption to a minimum.



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If you're facing hidden leaks or water concerns, our team is here to provide reliable solutions and peace of mind. We look forward to assisting you soon.

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