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# Outdoor Fire Features





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Outdoor fireplaces are an excellent choice as an anchor for your outdoor living space — one that creates a welcoming sanctuary for homeowners and guests alike. They function both as a beautiful focal point for your home's landscape, as well as an inviting place for you to relax with or entertain family and friends.

## The Benefits

### + Warmth

Extend your outdoor living to earlier in the spring and later in the fall.

### + Cooking

Savor open-air cooking and eating — opt to install a fire grate for meals over the fire or roast marshmallows over the open flames.

### + Entertainment

Maximize your entertainment space, and bring the party outdoors.

### + Ambiance

Add an intimate feel to your outdoor experience, whether you're relaxing by the fireplace with a glass of wine or nestling up with a good book.

### + Architectural Statement

The elegance of the fireplace, combined with its height, makes more of a statement in your backyard space.

### + Can Be Built into Structure

Outdoor fireplaces can be incorporated into pergolas, meaning that they can be used in inclement weather.

### + Increased Property Value

Installing an outdoor fireplace increases the value of your home — generally more so than a fire pit.





# Key Considerations When Planning Your Outdoor Fireplace Installation

## The Considerations

### + Location

An outdoor fireplace provides an exceptional anchor for your home's exterior living space, and so it should be positioned in that way. You can choose to opt to install it adjacent to your home, on the patio or in a separate sitting area in the backyard — wherever you'd prefer the focal point to be and wherever space allows.

### + Type of Fireplace

Gas or wood-burning outdoor fireplaces are either pre-built or customized to meet your exact specifications. Whereas wood-burning fireplaces are more flexible in terms of their location, gas fireplaces do not necessarily need to be adjacent to the house, but gas line configurations can impact their ultimate positioning.

### + Budget

Before starting any landscape design project, it's important to think about your overall goals and estimated project budget.

### + Seating Area

Each side of an outdoor fireplace offers an anchor point for separate living spaces. You can incorporate seating around one side of the fireplace, or opt for a double-sided fireplace where there is seating on both sides.





# Outdoor Fire Pits

Outdoor fire pits offer the warmth and enjoyment of a fireplace while maximizing seating around the space. Not only are they a welcoming spot to enjoy conversation with family and friends, but they are also an ideal place to take in landscape views around your property — whether it's a glimpse of Lake Erie, a golf course or other natural beauty that surrounds your outdoor space.

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### + More Interactive

Because individuals can sit around a fire pit, it generally offers a more interactive experience than a traditional fireplace — with the option to move around as preferred.

### + Cost-Effective

Compared to traditional outdoor fireplaces, fire pits are typically less expensive to install.

### + Increased Property Value

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### + Location

Outdoor fire pits should be placed in an area that offers optimal viewing of your landscape's focal points. Consider placing a fire pit near other areas for socializing in your backyard — perhaps near the pool area or outdoor kitchen — while still allowing enough space for guests to move comfortably around the fire pit.

### + Type of Firepit

Do you prefer the natural look, smell and sounds of a wood-burning fire pit? Or do you like the low maintenance of being able to easily turn and off a gas log fire pit with the push of a button? Once again, the choice of a gas-powered fire pit will raise the question of accessing gas lines on your property and could impact its positioning.

### + Budget

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### + Seating Area

Many outdoor fire pits are equipped with built-in seating walls that can accommodate more people than traditional seating, and also reflect heat to maximize the coziness of the environment.





## Before You Get Started...

Before you start on any outdoor fireplace or fire pit project, it's important to check your local building codes. Depending on these codes, you may not be able to install an outdoor fire feature at your location. It may also be required that your fire feature be placed in a location that is a minimum distance from any structures.

Working with a professional landscape company like Green Impressions ensures that your outdoor fire feature installation meets all state and local building codes. Paired with our years of landscape design and installation experience, comprehensive training and certifications, and a long list of satisfied customers across Northeast Ohio, you can depend on us for superior quality and results in building a comprehensive landscape design that complements your fire feature.

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