Outdoor Rooms Fueled By Propane

Interest in the "outdoor room" is increasing every year as homeowners learn of ways to expand their homes and enjoy the outdoors at the same time.

Growth of the outdoor room has been steady, according to the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association. What began as an outdoor patio with a grill, a fire pit and patio furniture, has grown into a fully furnished, carefully planned and constructed, living space designed as an extension of a home's interior space.

Propane-fueled outdoor kitchens can include a cook-top, commercial-style grill, refrigerator, sink, wine cooler, and dishwasher.

Log patio hearths create a warm, ambient fire, allowing homeowners to enjoy the atmosphere of a campfire without the mess of wood. These propane-fueled hearths are easy to start and are equipped with safety features.

Cooler outdoor temperatures can be increased with propane-fueled patio heaters made popular by outdoor restaurants. Such heaters provide up to a 20-foot circle of radiant heat that increases the outdoor air temperature between 10 and 30 degrees. Heaters are available in several different sizes, including tabletop, and most include adjustable temperature controls and safety features. Many heaters are also equipped with lights, so spending time outdoors doesn't have to end when the sun goes down.

Propane-fueled lighting offers homeowners efficiency and reliability. Lamps are available in portable, wall-mounted, and post-mounted styles. Many designs are available, including modern and antique, and some offer solar-activated valve controls that automatically reduce gas flow during daylight hours.

New mosquito eliminators protect up to an acre of land. Using a remarkably effective design, they turn propane into carbon dioxide, heat, and moisture – the primary attractants for mosquitoes. When mosquitoes fly toward the eliminator, they are vacuumed into a net, creating a mosquito-free zone.

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