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Build a better backyard



The backyard has increasingly become more important as a place for quiet refuge and as a multi-functional entertainment destination for friends and family. Today's homeowners want outdoor living to have the same level of style and comfort that they enjoy in their indoor spaces. Creating a seamless multi-functional outdoor living space in your backyard starts with a plan. Think of how you want to use your backyard and design it in phases to keep the cost manageable. Areas for cooking, dining and entertaining will most likely be included in the first phase. For the next phase, think of an outdoor kitchen that might include a built-in grill, smoker and pizza oven. After that, perhaps a pond with a waterfall or an outdoor fireplace. Whatever the needs of your family, creating an outdoor living space can be a fun and creative process that adds value to your home. Do your research and figure out a budget. Doing most of your projects yourself will save big. The Experts at TIMBER MART can help you with your project details. They'll explain your options and help you select the right materials for your budget.



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Fantastic wood fences

A well-designed wood privacy fence adds a practical and aesthetic value to your home and landscaping. Not only do they look beautiful, they conceal your property from your neighbours while simultaneously blocking unwanted views of the surrounding area. Whether your fence is intended as a subtle backdrop or a highlight to your landscape design, the style should complement and enhance your home's architecture and it should also suit the neighbourhood. While fences with traditional vertical boards are still a popular choice, the contemporary look of boards hung horizontally is a growing trend. Many fences have decorative top options to best suit your project. Planning is important. You will need to locate your property line and find out what the municipal restrictions are. Consider your terrain when choosing a fence. If you have a sloped yard, choose a fence style that will work well either on an incline or stepped down. Whatever you're thinking for your fence project, don't be afraid to get creative. TIMBER MART has the lumber, supplies and the expertise to help you design the ideal fence for your property.



We can help!

Pick up a TIMBER MART worksheet and sketch out your project with as much detail as possible including measurements. Our Project Experts will turn your vision into an accurate design plan including a complete list of materials and cost estimates.

Nuvo Iron one day projects

Upgrade your fence with easy-to-install Nuvo Iron products. The minimal amount of hours it takes to complete each of these projects means you'll be back to relaxing and enjoying your outdoor space with your family and friends in no time.

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Build a gate

A strong, sag-free gate is important to any homeowner. Nuvo Iron has created multiple gate options to help you build a gate that will keep shape and isn't sagging and warping after one season. Choose from ready-made gates, gate frames or corner brace kits to quickly and easily rebuild an important element of your outdoor space.



Install an insert

Spruce up any new or existing fence or gate with long-lasting cast iron inserts. Not only do they add an element of design, but they also create a strong brace for the section. Get creative! Choose from multiple styles, or even mix styles together. Since the finish of the inserts is the same they complement one another well. While used primarily in fences and gates, they work well in privacy walls too.



Easy-to-install post caps

Nuvo Iron post caps are engineered to last and were created with design in mind. As a result, they protect your posts from the elements and look good while doing it. Available in assorted designs and multiple sizes to fit all standard posts.



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Keep them safe

When it comes to keeping your family and pets safe in your backyard or pool area, choosing the right gate hardware can be a challenge. But not anymore!

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With the #1 Polymer hardware brand in North America, choosing an award-winning TruClose Child Safety Gate Latch will give you peace of mind. Backed by a lifetime warranty, these products are rust and corrosion proof with stainless steel components designed to withstand the elements.

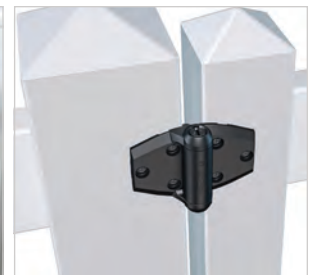
- **Tough and durable**
- **Made to last**
- **Maintenance free**

Try the gate latch that locks from both sides of the gate or the child safety latch with a self-latching magnet that has been tested over 2 million cycles - meeting all pool safety codes. Don't forget the self-closing gate hinges with adjustable tension.

Exclusive to Onward Hardware, D&D Technologies' range of quality gate latches, locks, hinges and closers are designed to protect children and families by safeguarding swimming pools, homes, gardens and perimeter gates and fences.



MagnaLatch safety latches are designed specifically for securing gates around swimming pools and wherever safety is needed.



These magnetic self-locking hinges, latches and handles can be used on any square frame made of metal, vinyl or wood.



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1 Pergola Adding a pergola to your backyard is an affordable and intermediate DIY project. It can be built as a stand-alone structure or attached directly to your home. A pergola creates the perfect space for outdoor gathering and adds value to your property.

Four practical garden structures

These four DIY garden structures have a practical use and can also create a distinct charm in any outdoor living space. Before you build, be sure to check local bylaws for restrictions in your area.



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Shed Adding extra storage to your home is always a plus. When it comes to shed size, build as large as possible to allow for future use even if all the space is not used right away. Today's sheds are not just for storing garden and yard tools. They are also being used as living space for hobbies, playrooms or a remote home office. A well-built shed adds value to your property.



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Firewood storage

A wood store built in a dry and breezy area is the best way to dry out firewood. Wood should be stacked off the ground and bark side down. Wood stored in an open-fronted wood store should be kept a few inches from the back wall to maximize ventilation. Wood stores can also be built with no back wall and open to the surrounding area.



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Privacy screen

Create a more intimate outdoor space with strategically placed wood panels. They keep your property private from your neighbours while simultaneously blocking unwanted views of the surrounding area. There are many ways to build a wood privacy panel so get creative with your design. Secure wood panels to the ground for an easy DIY weekend project.



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Add drama with stain



The natural colour of an exterior wood deck or structure is beautiful, especially when first built. To keep it looking great, wood should be treated to protect it from water and sun damage. Wood stains and sealants have the ability to improve wood's natural beauty by enhancing the pattern and texture while simultaneously giving it a much needed layer of protection from the elements. Choosing the right colour can be tricky. On one end of the colour spectrum, clear sealants will keep your wood looking natural and new. On the other end, bold colours can add dramatic style to your outdoor space and can be used to visually tie your outdoor elements to the architecture of your home. Choose a semi-transparent stain to allow wood grain to show through, or a solid stain to provide more coverage with rich opaque colour. The stain experts at Olympic have many stain colours to choose from. Check out the links on the right to see their colour collection, how each product protects wood surfaces, and handy tips on how to apply exterior stain.



Stain colour advice

Finding the right wood stain colour doesn't have to be hard. Click here for great tips from Olympic to find the right colour for your project.

How to stain guides

Olympic makes your staining project easy. Click here for helpful staining guides and how-to's for a successful and long-lasting stained finish.

Add style with decorative framing hardware

Seeing construction hardware in a finished structure can take away from its architectural beauty. Decorative framing hardware is meant to be seen and adds strength and style to your structure.



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Decorative reinforcing plates

Create a rustic look for your home, office, garage, workspace and more. Ideal for outdoor environments but equally functional for interior projects. Reinforcing plates are typically used to enhance the design of pergolas, arbors, pavilions or decks but with some imagination you can create an endless number of do-it-yourself projects. Onward decorative reinforcing plates are perfect for complementing a table, bookshelf, bed frame or any other furniture construction. The parts are finished with an exterior grade powder coating for improved weather resistance and protection from corrosion. Mounting screws are available for easy installation, making structural connections more visually appealing. Use your imagination to build projects that are uniquely your own.

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Design versatility

With Outdoor Accents decorative hardware from Simpson Strong-Tie, you can bring both elegance and structural strength to any outdoor living structure. The Avant Collection™ has a clean and simple design and an innovative hex-head washer and fastener combo, so you'll get the look of a bolted connection that installs as easily as driving a screw. The black powder-coat finish ensures an eye-catching appearance. Complete the look with Outdoor Accents Essentials and Accessories, designed to work with Avant Collection™ connector series. All Outdoor Accents connectors and fasteners are rigorously tested for strength and performance. So you'll have a safe, beautiful structure that lasts for years to come.

Build a raised garden bed

A raised garden bed can be a simple utilitarian vegetable garden or a decorative architectural feature on your property. They are generally made from rot-resistant wood, stone or concrete. As the images show, wood beds are straight and linear while beds built from stone or concrete can be curved. Gardens built at least 12 inches off the ground warm faster in spring which permits earlier planting and growth of existing plants. This is especially important for raised vegetable gardens, you will have an earlier harvest in the spring, and later in the fall. Raised garden beds can be 4-sided and usually don't have a bottom. This allows plants the freedom to root as deeply as they need. Add cardboard or newspaper to the bottom of your bed to inhibit weeds and enable earth worms to travel freely. If you have issues with tunneling critters then stop them with a fine wire mesh laid on the bottom. Raised beds naturally have good drainage but can also dry out so consider including a soaker hose on a timer to make watering easier. Where you build your raised garden bed will determine what plants to grow. Vegetable gardens should be in a sunny spot while flower gardens can be almost anywhere.



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Power garden equipment every homeowner should own

A well-kept property requires regular yard maintenance to keep outdoor spaces looking neat and tidy. Here are the basic outdoor power tools you should consider to save time and make your life easier. For all these tools, there are battery, gas or electric options so choose the type that works best for you.

Lawn mower The right mower will help achieve a healthy and well-maintained lawn. The size of your property will be a factor when choosing the type of mower.

String/lawn trimmer After mowing is finished, trimming the lawn perimeter creates precise, clean edges and takes very little time.

Hedge trimmer This tool trims and cuts a wide range of shrubs and trees. You can easily fine tune the shape of plant while saving the strain on your back.

Blower/vac For fast cleanup of a large area. It's a great alternative for the physically demanding broom or garden rake. A hand-held blower is sufficient for most properties but a backpack version is a great choice for large properties.

Power washer Cleans all unwanted grime, mould and dirt from hard surfaces quickly, efficiently and with little effort.

If you have questions about power garden equipment, talk to the Project Experts at TIMBER MART. We have the equipment you're looking for and can also give you tips on how to use it effectively.

Build your dream backyard with your **TIMBER MART Project Card***

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What type of power lawn mower is best for your property



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| | <p>Corded electric</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For small to medium properties | <p>A corded electric mower is an economical and green choice. Out of all the walk-behind mowers, they are perhaps the cheapest mower to purchase and cost very little to run. They are one of the quietest mowers and have zero emissions. Their light weight makes them super easy to operate but care must be given to always know where the electric cord is so you don't run over it. Make sure to use an electric cord long enough to reach every corner of your property. Maintenance is only keeping it clean and sharpening the blade. For all walk-behind mowers, look for features like ergonomically-designed handles and grass collection bags. Self-propelled models work by the operator starting it and the mower moves on it's own with the operator guiding where it goes.</p> |
| | <p>Battery powered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For small to medium properties | <p>Lithium Ion battery powered lawn mowers are becoming more popular with homeowners. They offer the same benefits as corded mowers with zero emissions, quiet motors and low maintenance but have the freedom of not being tethered by an electrical cord. It's a good idea to have more than one fully charged battery on hand so that you don't run out of power midway. After each use, the batteries will have to be recharged before you can mow again. Advances in battery technology are made every year and longevity is something that will keep improving. Battery operated mowers cost more than corded mowers and can also cost more than gas mowers. For many people, the environmental benefits and ease of use outweigh the added cost.</p> |
| | <p>Gas powered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For small to large properties | <p>The biggest advantage of a gas powered lawn mower is it's large motor and it's ability to be used effectively on tall, overgrown grass and weeds. The size of the motor traditionally has been it's biggest selling point and has been the first choice choice of homeowners for decades. Modern engineering and innovation of corded and battery mowers is changing the market. Now there are viable alternatives to gas powered mowers that don't have the same carbon emissions, noise and maintenance. For large residential properties where electric cords and battery packs may not be feasible, a gas powered mower may still be the best solution. Some people swear that a lawn cut with a gas mower is more evenly cut and looks better.</p> |
| | <p>Riding mower</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rear engine • For properties 1/2 to 2 acres | <p>This mower is less strenuous to use and can cut a large area faster than a walk-behind mower. With a larger cutting width, up to 34 inches, you'll make less passes across your lawn. These mowers typically have a smaller size which can be important for maneuvering and fitting through tight spaces like gates or narrow walkways. The most maneuverable are zero-turn riding mowers which have swivelling front wheels allowing them to make tight turns - a huge benefit when mowing around trees and shrubs. Motors are available in various sizes with the bigger sizes costing more. Look for models with features such as adjustable-height blades and optional mulcher and bagger attachments.</p> |
| | <p>Lawn tractor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Front engine • For properties over 2 acres | <p>The heavy duty power of this mower is ideal for uneven, rugged terrain and large properties. They have the largest cutting width of all mowers - up to 72 inches. There are many optional attachments for aerating, dethatching, spraying, spreading, mulching, rolling and snow removal. Versatile dump carts for towing are available in assorted sizes. Tractor motors vary in size and can have a geared or automatic transmission which can drastically affect the price tag. It should be noted that a larger engine will be important if you plan to haul a cart or add a snow removal accessory. Other handy features to look for are a built-in gas gauge, hour meter and a front bumper to protect the hood of your tractor.</p> |

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Sunroom Solutions provides customized and affordable 3-season windows for any outdoor structure. This window system offers the flexibility to easily convert your space into an inviting outdoor enclosure, extending your enjoyment of the outdoor season. Vinyl pane windows protect you from environmental elements like wind, rain, snow, insects, and allergens! These durable windows are constructed with strong powder-coated aluminum frames and feature durable weather-resistant 10 mil vinyl panes. Sliding window panels are spring-loaded and can be easily removed to achieve a 100% screen opening. This product is designed for the DIY-er with an easy and inexpensive installation process. Enclosing an outdoor space adds value to your home or cottage by increasing the square footage and creating an ideal living space for you to enjoy. Come in and talk to a TIMBER MART Deck Specialist about the benefits of a Sunroom Solutions 3-season sunroom.

The durability of the vinyl panels is unsurpassed. If the vinyl becomes distorted it returns to its original shape in seconds. It can withstand winds up to 120 km and temperatures of -40C.



Click here to see how this vinyl window system easily transforms any outdoor space into your favourite 3-season retreat!



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Your outdoor project just got easier!

Tips on picking the correct adhesive

Looking to do some repair work in your backyard or attach retaining block walls together? This can seem like a tough task, given the harsh weather conditions that your landscape block structures are exposed to year after year. However, with the right construction adhesive, you can feel confident in getting the job done right. To start, if you will be working on a project in an area that is prone to varied weather conditions, then you will want your exterior adhesive to hold up over time and be able to withstand the varying expansion rates of the materials you may be using. Additionally, you will want to choose an adhesive that effectively bonds strong materials together, such as stone, brick, masonry, or concrete. LePage PL® PREMIUM MAX is an excellent choice for any landscaping repair project, including securing block walls or gluing multiple types of materials together. It has an easy-to-use plastic cartridge and can be applied at any temperature. Using this adhesive will give you peace of mind, knowing that your landscape block structure is secure and will hold up for years to come!



Click here to learn more about PL PREMIUM MAX, LePage's strongest, most durable construction adhesive.

