



Who doesn't enjoy having friends or family over for an outdoor party or gathering? I'm Melissa from NorthlineExpress and today I will cover four basic necessities for your outdoor setting.

### **Outdoor Seating**

Seating is an important thing to incorporate into your outdoor oasis. When you choose the [seating](#) that you like make sure that you consider how many people you want to accommodate. Some people may choose to stand but your guests aren't going to want to come back if they are left standing every time. Also consider the construction and materials of your patio furniture. Depending on your climate certain patio furniture may be a better choice than others.

### **Shade Options**

If you like to enjoy your patio or entertain during the daytime make sure that you have adequate shade available. It's not only uncomfortable to sit in direct sunlight but it's not good for your health either. Consider adding a [garden canopy](#), a [patio umbrella](#), or [shade sail](#) for attractive easy shade solutions.

### **Heating Elements**

If you like to entertain during the evening hours make sure that you have a way to keep you and your guests warm. Not only will a fire pit provide warmth and beauty but also light. If you do not want a [wood fire pit](#) you can choose [gas fire pit tables](#) as well which can serve as a fire feature as well as a patio table. [Patio heaters](#) are also another good option to provide warmth to an area when needed, they also allow the outdoor season to start sooner and extend further into the fall.

## Outdoor Cooking

If you like to entertain most likely you are serving drinks and appetizers or even a meal. All of these things can be prepared indoors but it's more convenient to have an [outdoor cooking area](#). You will ultimately get to spend more time with your guests because you won't be forced indoors to prepare food. Your guests will most likely even enjoy gathering in your [outdoor kitchen](#) area just like always seems to happen in an indoor kitchen.

I hope that you have found this information helpful and are inspired to get out there and put together your perfect outdoor area for entertaining. Just remember if you have questions along the way give us a call at 866-667-8454. At NorthlineExpress, home of the buy and try satisfaction guarantee, we're always happy to help!