



## Consider an Outdoor Kitchen

Is the outside of your home lacking some pizzazz to make your parties or get-togethers stand out? Are you looking to create a better space for entertaining guests? Incorporating an outdoor [kitchen](#) into your outdoor living space can do all of that! You can build an outdoor kitchen anywhere that you would like. It can be located on a porch, deck, or patio, in a courtyard, garden, the middle of a field or beach, or any spot that you want. There is no right or wrong place to install an outdoor kitchen.

Are you still just not sure about the idea of installing an outdoor kitchen? Well there are many reasons that you should! Let me give you a few and see if I can convince you...

### Reason #1: Great Entertaining Space



An outdoor kitchen is the perfect outdoor space for entertaining guests. Not only does it allow guests to be together and enjoy each other's company, but it also allows the cook to be involved as well. Instead of being stuck indoors tending to the food they can be right in the thick of the gathering not skipping a beat with the food! Add some patio [heaters](#), comfortable [furnishings](#), and some lighting to increase the comfort of your guests. The more comfortable and convenient your outdoor kitchen is the more time you will enjoy spending in it.

### Reason #2: Increases Property Value



The value of one's property is something every homeowner should keep in the back of their mind. Adding an outdoor kitchen will increase your property's value. If you are ever going to be selling your home then the value is something you want to consider. An outdoor kitchen will expand the usable square footage of the living space and it will add a wow factor for perspective buyers. Outdoor kitchens are becoming more popular among house hunters, so make the selling process easier on yourself with this investment!

### Reason #3: Spend More Time Outdoors



If you have taken the time to create a beautiful landscape then why not add a space that allows you to enjoy your yard more often. No reason to be stuck inside looking out with the addition of an outdoor kitchen. It is the easiest way to get the most out of your backyard and have all of the luxuries of an indoor kitchen. Who wants to be stuck inside cooking and cleaning up the mess on an evening that is offering up some beautiful weather? I know I don't, I want to be out enjoying it.

### Reason #4: Save on Utility Bills



Cooking indoors during the warmer months heats up your home and makes your air conditioner work overtime to get the house cooled back down. Adding an outdoor kitchen will help to alleviate the higher cost of your utility bills during the warmer months. Consider adding more than just a grilling surface to your outdoor kitchen. You can include a pizza [oven](#), sink, refrigerator, cabinets, or drawers to eliminate the traffic going in and out of your home.

### Reason #5: No Mess Inside



Having a well-designed outdoor kitchen will allow you to keep the mess outdoors! You will not have to worry about spills on indoor carpeting, if there is a spill it will most likely be on the grass or decking materials which is much easier to clean.

Include an outdoor [sink](#) so that any dishes that need washing can all be taken care of right there and put away in convenient cabinets or drawers. Keeping a well-stocked refrigerator can cut down on the in and out traffic to get beverages. The only traffic that would be happening would be to use the restroom...unless of

course you take that into consideration as well!

### Reason #6: No More Lingering Odors



Some foods smell absolutely wonderful while they are cooking however there are some that let of a less desirable odor. Cooking fish or fried foods can leave a smell in your home that lingers for days. Cooking these items in your outdoor kitchen will keep your home smelling fresh. The outdoor space will air the smell out a whole lot quicker than your home will. No more using air fresheners or room deodorants to rid you home of the smells from cooking, Keep the odors outside!

Once installed, an outdoor kitchen will last a long time! It will give you a great place to enjoy while entertaining guests or for everyday meals with your family. Imagine having wonderfully cooked meals with the wind blowing in your face and a smile on everyone's face. It is all about enjoying the quality time you get to spend with your family so why not make it easier on yourself as well!

After you have decided to invest in an outdoor kitchen for your home, you can begin planning. Take a look at our [“Designing the Outdoor Kitchen of your Dreams”](#) blog post. It will list out everything that you should consider during the planning process.