

Report: Fire Pits and Pergolas Lead 2026 Outdoor Design Trends

Harmony Landscape Design data reveals rising demand for fire pits, shade structures, and 3D design plans across Southern California and Arizona.

LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, August 6, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Harmony Landscape Design's [2026 Outdoor Design Trends Report](#), based on proprietary client project data, shows a sharp rise in demand for modern, low-water backyard features and 3D-visualized design plans across the Southwest.



Harmony Landscape Design, an online landscape and backyard design company serving Southern California and Arizona, today released its 2026 Outdoor Design Trends Report, a data-driven analysis of the outdoor features homeowners are requesting most this year. The report is based on the company's own client project data from Los Angeles, Palm Springs, Palm Desert, Irvine, Scottsdale and Henderson.

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The report identifies a clear shift toward [modern backyard trends](#) in low-maintenance design, with notable year-over-year increases in requests for fire pits and fire features, pergolas and shade structures, and minimalist, drought-tolerant planting schemes. It also documents a sharp rise

in homeowner demand for 3D-rendered design plans before construction begins, a trend the company attributes to buyers wanting cost certainty before committing to a build.

"Our 2026 client data shows Southwest homeowners are no longer treating backyards as decorative afterthoughts, but as daily living spaces built for year-round use. The acceleration toward modern, water-wise design reflects a growing demand for outdoor areas that naturally

adapt to our regional climate while cutting maintenance and water costs," said Shir Amram, Founder at Harmony Landscape Design.

Key findings from the report include:

- Rising demand for fire pits, pergolas and other modern hardscape features across the company's Southern California and Arizona service areas
- Continued growth in requests for minimalist, drought-tolerant planting suited to the Southwest climate
- A marked increase in homeowners requesting 3D visualization before finalizing a design, reflecting a desire to see and budget for a project before breaking ground
- Regional variation in design priorities between coastal Southern California markets and desert Southwest markets like Palm Springs, Palm Desert and Scottsdale



Modern Backyard in Palm Springs, CA

The full 2026 Outdoor Design Trends Report, including cost and return-on-investment data for the featured trends, is available now on the Harmony Landscape Design website.

Harmony Landscape Design offers 100% online [landscape design services](#), delivering custom backyard design and front yard design plans within two weeks. The company works with homeowners across Los Angeles, Palm Springs, Palm Desert, Irvine, Scottsdale and Henderson, guiding each project from an online design questionnaire through a finished 3D plan and connection to trusted local contractors. Homeowners can start a free consultation directly on the company's website.

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