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Vacuum up surface dirt from cushions, then wash them with a mild solution of soap and water. Don't put them in the washing machine. Choose a sunny day and set them on their sides to dry.

If you live in an area where you don't use your patio year round, store cushions during cold months. Give them a thorough cleaning before putting them away, then they will be fresh and ready for spring.

- Go undercover

Any furnishings that take direct sun and weather will break down faster than those that stay on a covered patio. Gaylor likes to use furniture covers year round, so furniture stays clean and ready to use. Having a waterproof hamper or basket to store seat cushions, throw pillows, and throws when not in use can also help keep these items clean and dry.

- Refresh planter beds

After a couple seasons of snow, sun, and rain, the mulch in planter beds can start to look sad and washed out. A new layer of fresh mulch will not only make planter beds look better but will also help

keep weeds under control.

Then say, "Patio party at my place."

Join me next week to learn how to create a great outdoor living area in seven steps.

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Select outdoor furnishing materials that resist harsh weather conditions, such as those featured on this patio. Photo courtesy The Home Depot

## The role of nature in home design

According to a survey conducted by the New Home Trends Institute in collaboration with Pro Builder, the outdoors and nature will be an important influence on their design choices in the years to come. In addition, 45 percent of respondents indicated increased attention will be afforded to outdoor entertaining spaces.

So what might the outdoor spaces of homes built in the not-so-distant future look like? Respondents to the survey anticipated a growing demand for var-

ious built-in outdoor features, including:

- Firepits or fireplaces
- Outdoor kitchens
- Gazebos or pergolas
- Pools
- Spas or hot tubs

Though trends and consumer demands are ever-shifting, architects and designers are anticipating that future homeowners will want more developed outdoor living spaces and greater access to nature, which is something current homeowners can keep in mind when renovating.

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Map 20 / 6, 7, 17 & 19

**Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2023**

**Time: 1:35 p.m.**

**Held at the front entrance of the  
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