

Garden Fountains - Backyard Elegance

If it's time to give a face lift to your patio or garden why not look to add a new fountain or other type of water feature. Nothing adds distinction to a garden like water. The sound of moving water has been sought after by landscape architects the world over. The serenity that moving water brings is unbelievable. It can be used to add a relaxing theme as well as to max distracting sounds.

Water features have always been an integral part of outdoor gardens for a long time. You just have to look as those magnificent palatial gardens of Europe or the beautifully intricate designs of the Japanese water gardens. No matter how much space you have to work with a garden fountain is an essential addition to any patio or garden.

Any outdoor fountain or other water feature is a great way to tie together all the elements of your outdoor living area. There are so many different choices for adding some kind of water. One of the most popular is the bird bath fountain. It is both stylish and functional - just ask all those birds. Another unique choice is a rain chain. Many have never heard of or seen a rain chain but it can be very attractive and a conversation piece as well. These ornamental pieces provide a path for water to the ground through a series of linked cups or chains. Very artistic, these are a great addition to a garden.

There are a lot of great ideas and types of features to consider - multi-tiered fountains, barrel fountains, cascading waterfalls - the list goes on and on. If you have walls on a patio or around a garden then certainly consider a wall fountain. They can be spectacular. By making the right choice your fountain will become the focal point of your garden area. Even with limited space such as a balcony of a condo or apartment there are water fountains that are perfect.

If your outdoor space is larger, than water features are the perfect way to highlight different areas of the garden. Since outdoor "rooms" have become so popular, having multiple water features allows you to design different moods and themes by matching different styles and varieties of fountains with each area. If you have enough space, you may want to think about a pond, pool or waterfall. While these can be dramatic, they can also be expensive and many times maintenance intensive.

Today there are so many choices in materials that are used in garden fountains. You can choose from stone, masonry, cast iron or copper. All are very durable and can withstand the elements. A newer material in use is a highly durable resin. It's one of my favorites because it is lighter weight than stone or masonry so it's easier to move around. It can be molded in a variety of intricate designs creating spectacular results at lower cost. Most fountains today come with easy installation needing only a power source and water. The solar fountains around today just need sunlight and a source of water and there are ready to go.

If you're looking to reduce stress (and who's not) then the soothing effects of moving water is just what you need. The addition of a garden fountain will add serenity and calmness to make your outdoor patio or garden a truly relaxing retreat to be enjoyed for years to come.

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