# Costly Backyard Mistakes Homeowners Make



## Mistake 1: Expensive backyard renovations

#### Reason:

Professional remodeling or contractor work can provide low ROI (return on investment)

Instead: Find projects with a high ROI

## Mistake 2: Laying sod

#### Reason:

High-quality sod is expensive and labor-intensive for installation and care

## Instead:

Explore more cost-effective options, such as seeding





## Mistake 3: Installing concrete

#### Reason:

Concrete is porous and can require more maintenance than anticipated



## Mistake 4: Putting in an outdoor kitchen

#### Reason:

With a median cost of \$14,000, this upgrade can see a low ROI

#### Instead:

Upgrade the outdoor space with common desires, such as exterior lighting, which 99% of buyers list as a want



Consider more resilient materials, such as stone pavers, for increased durability





# Mistake 5: Forgetting about baskets and filters in the pool

#### Reason:

As debris becomes trapped in the baskets, the pump works harder, leading to a burnt-out motor and other possible damage

#### Instead:

Regularly clean and maintain all components, or hire a pool cleaning service

# Mistake 6: Adding a sunroom

#### Reason:

While sunrooms are often desired, experts report a sunroom addition has one of the poorest ROI

#### Instead:

Determine just how desired the space is before committing to this pricy add-on





# Mistake 7: Over-the-top landscaping

#### Reason:

Décor choices are subjective, plus buyers might see extensive vegetation as additional upkeep

## Instead:

Keep the space beautiful but simple with easy-to-care-for plant life



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