

Alfresco Amenities

Customized features & concepts make their way outdoors

Sometimes simply having a backyard is not enough. Today's modern homes oftentimes not only feature customized interiors, but customized exteriors as well.



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Between elongated porches and patios, custom-designed pools, pergolas and much more, today's exterior enhancements are essentially extensions of the home, and can be suited to your lifestyle. And with the Space Coast's year-round beautiful weather, these enhancements can easily become an essential part of the home for relaxing, or for gatherings among family and friends.

HERE ARE SOME CONCEPTS TO CONSIDER ADDING TO YOUR OWN OUTDOOR-LIVING SPACES.

1. SWEET, SWEET SUMMER KITCHENS

One great outdoor-living concept that is extremely popular among Stanley Homes' clients is a summer kitchen. There is nothing like being able to fire up the grill in your summer kitchen while your friends and family lounge by the pool.

Unlike a typical grill, a summer kitchen offers much more functionality. Summer kitchens are oftentimes equipped with a sink to wash and prepare food, as well as a mini fridge to keep beverages and condiments cold. Not only does a summer kitchen eliminate the need to use your interior kitchen, it also reduces the need for you and your guests to go in and out of your home, thus saving electricity costs.

3. FIRE IT UP

Another popular outdoor-living concept gaining traction is fire pits. While winter months are normally quite short, you can still enjoy fire pits almost all year long. They can add a special ambient lighting to your outdoors, and can be combined with your pool design for a distinct look. Kids will love gathering around the fire pit with a bag full of marshmallows to roast, and they also create the perfect setting for entertaining adults with a nice glass of wine.

4. INSECT-FREE ENJOYMENT

While Florida residents need to protect themselves from pesky mosquitoes, not everybody is a fan of a screen enclosure. For many years, though, this was the only way to avoid these nuisances. Today, however, with new technology offered at Stanley Homes, you now have choices.

Mosquito misting system are designed to kill everything with an exoskeleton, yet are completely safe for humans. By installing health-safe insecticide misting nozzles around your porch and yard's perimeter, you and your family can be afforded endless hours of insect-free enjoyment. The system allows homeowners to have the freedom to truly enjoy their outdoor-living spaces.

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2. CUSTOMIZED CABANAS

While a summer kitchen is no doubt a great exterior enhancement, Stanley Homes takes it one step further with the option of building a cabana. A cabana takes your summer kitchen to another level with more space, a separate seating area and a wall to mount a television. And of course, we always offer our clients the option to customize this space even further.



Left: Stanley Homes customized the exterior of this Viera home with a cabana that allows for added countertop space, seating areas and a place to mount a television, if desired.

Below Right: The perfect addition for a perfect Florida day, summer kitchens are a popular outdoor feature on the Space Coast.