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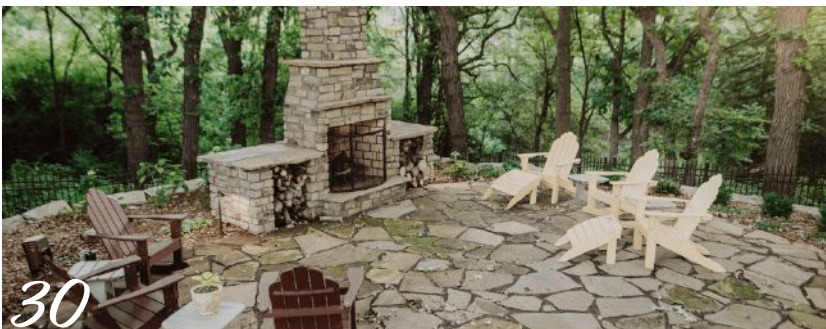
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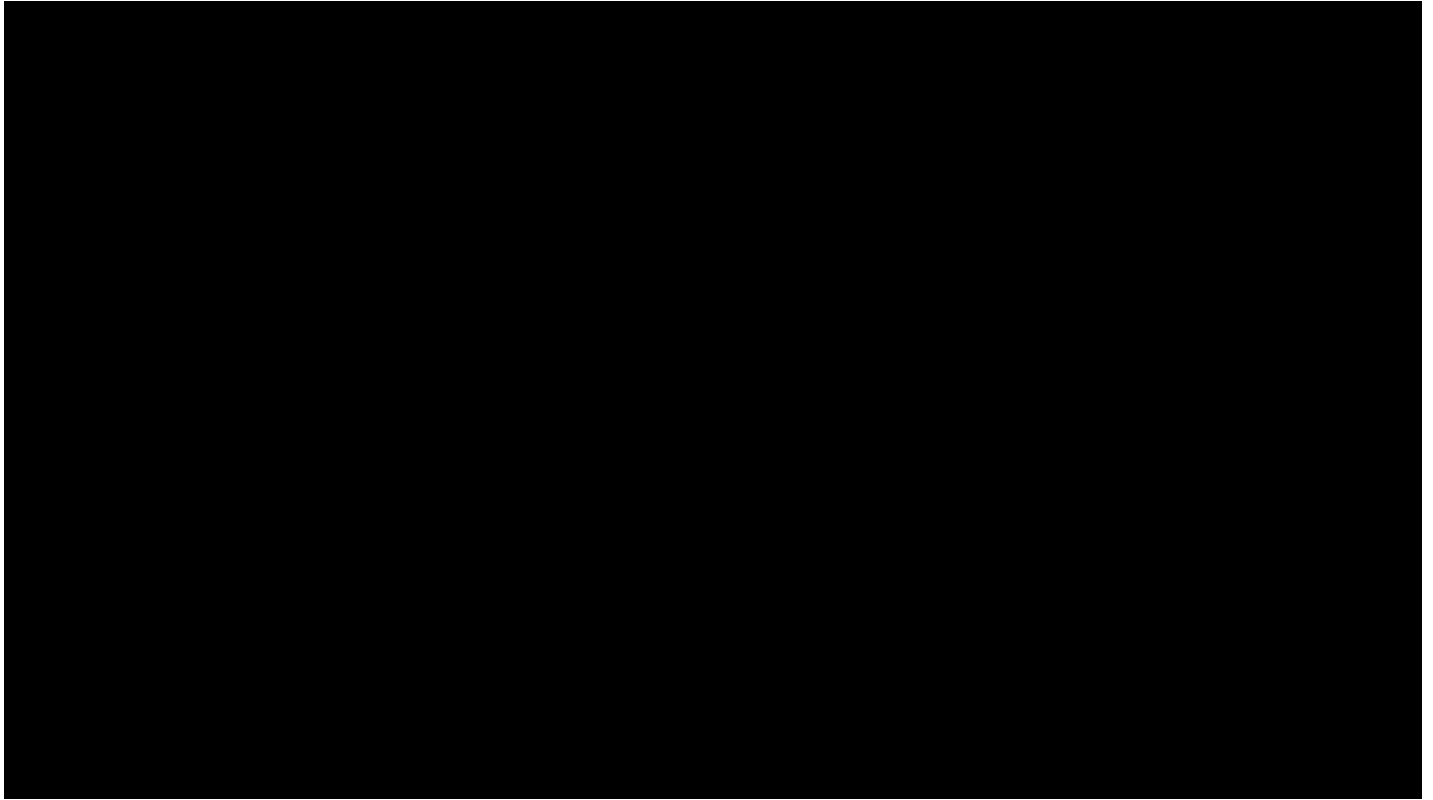
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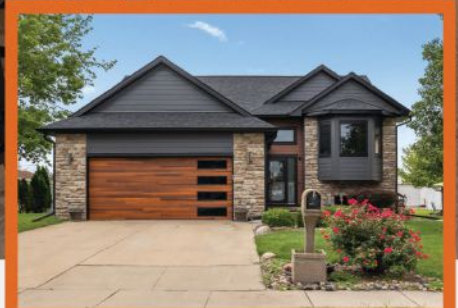
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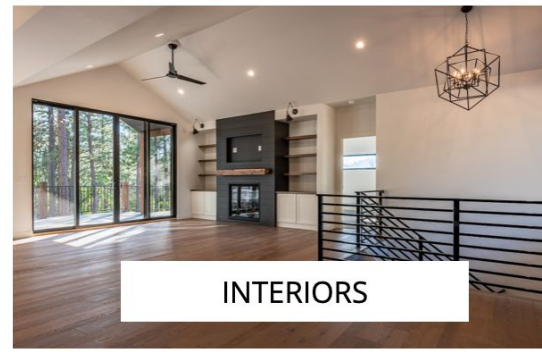


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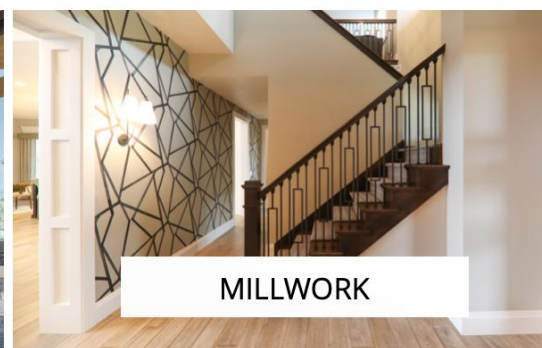
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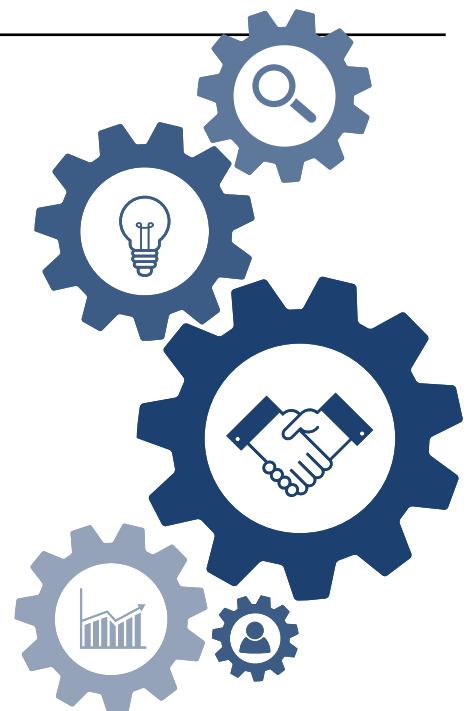
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By Colby's Lawn & Landscape, originally posted [here](#).

**H**aving a healthy lawn comes with both financial and environmental benefits. Proper [lawn care](#) is an integral part of caring for a suburban home. Here are some key benefits homeowners can gain.

## **ADDS CURB APPEAL**

Curb appeal refers to the attractiveness of a home and directly impacts its sale value. Homes with a healthy, well-manicured lawn that doesn't have brown patches or weeds typically sell at a higher price than those with visual problems. Caring for the lawn is part of caring for the home.

## **HELPS FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE**

All plants, including grass, absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen. As anyone who has seen the news knows, carbon dioxide has caused climate change to become a complex problem. A healthy lawn, perhaps including a tree or two, can pull carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere and store it, according to Ensia. Additionally, according to ScienTurfic, a 2500-square-foot lawn makes enough oxygen to supply a family of four with breathable air.

## **TRAPS AIR CONTAMINANTS**

Healthy lawns can also trap dust and dirt. Dust and dirt can exacerbate breathing problems unless absorbed by surrounding plant life, such as grass and trees.

## **HELPS WITH STORMWATER AND ITS POLLUTANTS**

Even if your streets have good drainage and your lawns are at an angle designed to drain water, storms can be the bane of any homeowner. Fortunately, grass and trees are great for absorbing rainwater. Besides sunlight, plants need water to survive. They absorb a lot of rainwater even before it starts to lap against your front door during a torrential flood.

A healthy lawn can also absorb a lot of pollutants that come down from the sky along with the water, according to Pennington. Finally, grass and trees



have roots that hold soil in place that might otherwise erode because of heavy rain.

## **MAKES FAMILY MEMORIES**

From backyard barbecues to the kids having their friends over to play in a jungle gym, a healthy lawn can be the venue for many great family memories. The better looking the lawn, the better the family experiences and photos can be.

Most owners know that lawn care, such as regular mowing and edging is essential to living in the suburbs. You should also remember to maintain regular lawn treatment that takes care of weeds and unsightly brown patches. Reach out to Colby's Lawn & Landscape today to receive assistance.



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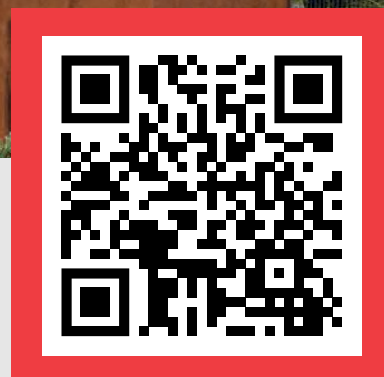
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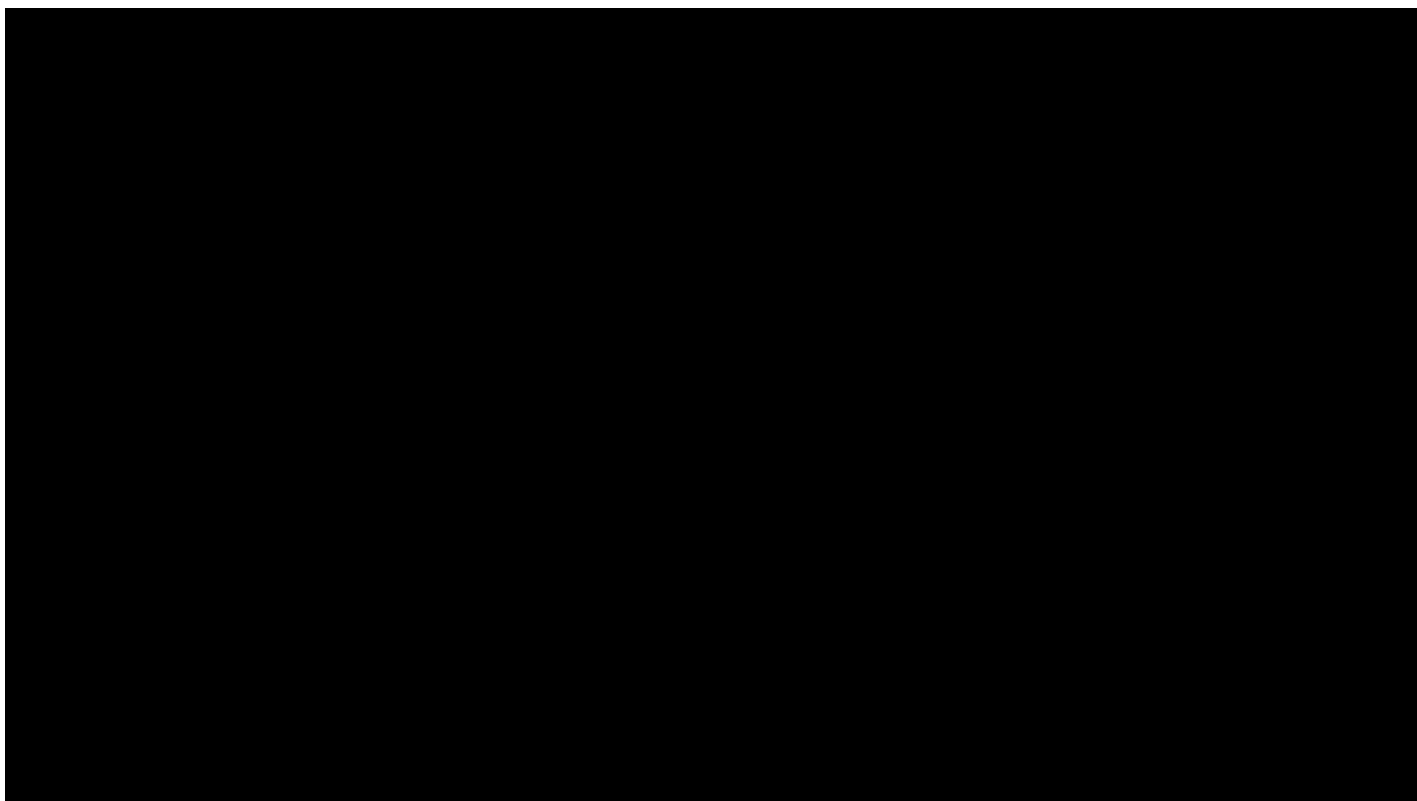
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# BLACK PATIO DOORS: A TRENDING LOOK TO LOVE

By Taeya De Vries, originally posted [here](#).

**T**rendy and timeless, there are many reasons to love black patio doors. From black French doors to black sliding glass doors, adding a black patio door brings a modern touch to any style home.

The color black is trending right now and it's a look that's here to stay. Black is bold, elegant, modern and never goes out of style. Whether a small-scale accent color or the prominent focal point in a room, the color black is extremely versatile and can be used just about anywhere on the interior or exterior of a house. When adding black to your home's aesthetic, do so with intention. Black can be used as a dramatic and chic statement or it can be deemed a neutral color that brings grounding depth to your home.

## INCORPORATING BLACK PATIO DOORS INSIDE AND OUT

Want to jump on the black color trend? Consider choosing black patio doors for your home. Black patio doors are both a trendy and timeless way to bring rich natural sunlight into your home and easily access the outdoors. With many [patio door room ideas](#), a black patio door adds a touch of bold, modern style and fresh air to many different spaces in your home. Patio doors with black frames make a bold focal point in both interiors and exteriors. For both windows and doors, choosing black as the exterior color can distinctly frame the glass and pick up other black accents on the outside of your home such as light



fixtures, roofing or stone. Dual-color frames, available in [fiberglass](#) and [vinyl](#) materials, give you the ability to select black for the exterior of your patio door with a white interior. This option offers design flexibility inside your home without compromising the crisp look that black brings to the exterior. For those who prefer the warm beauty of wood inside, [wood patio doors](#) can be stained any color for the interior and are available with black aluminum cladding on the exterior to protect them from the elements. Whether you prefer solid-color black or dual-color patio door frames, there are many [patio door styles](#) to fit the look you love most.

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farmhouse, there are many different style homes well-suited for the modern flair that comes from adding a black patio door. In this compilation of [black patio door ideas](#), learn how the color black can enhance your space's style.

### Modern and Contemporary

In homes with modern and contemporary style, black patio doors offer sleek lines and thin profiles to make the space stand out. There are a number of modern and custom grille patterns to suit this style. [Modern patio doors](#) are commonly composed of fiberglass or wood, offering durable finishes that make a space feel polished and clean. Black frames stand out next to the expansive glass panels, offering a minimal profile that furthers a modern aesthetic.



### Traditional

For those with classic style in search of more [traditional patio doors](#), black French doors made of wood with simple grille patterns are a modern complement to a traditional home. Being that black is a neutral and timeless color, it pairs well with traditional home décor. Black combines steady tradition with a trending modern touch, keeping the home classic yet interesting.



### Farmhouse

The charming black and white contrast is a hallmark of modern farmhouse design. As a bold color, black draws your eye and acts as an interesting focal point. When paired with light-colored walls or siding, black sliding patio doors create a dramatic look to achieve the highly desired modern farmhouse aesthetic. Not only does a black patio door command attention, it also maximizes light to enhance the neutral color palette and rustic furnishings that make this style so comfortable and appealing.



### BLACK PATIO DOOR TYPES

There are many different [types of patio doors](#) to fit your space and style. Each type of patio door functions in a distinct way to benefit your unique lifestyle.



### Black French Doors Swing Open to the Patio

French doors, also called [hinged doors](#), feature one or more panels that swing in or out. With wide openings and smooth swinging operation, exterior black French doors create a sophisticated entrance to a backyard or patio area. In a spacious dining room, [black French doors lined along a single wall](#) create a



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**Black Sliding Glass Doors Provide Extra Space**  
[Sliding patio doors](#) don't swing open, but instead feature 2, 3 or 4 sliding panels of glass. A distinctive benefit of sliding doors is that they require less space to operate. In addition, the option to get black sliding glass doors with blinds brings privacy and energy efficiency to the home. Perfect your patio with many [different types of sliding doors](#).



### **Multi-Slide Patio Doors Seamlessly Connect Indoors and Outdoors**

[Multi-slide patio doors](#), featuring expansive glass panels, slide open to stack against each other or tuck away out of sight into a wall. Bring the "wow" factor to any home with multi-slide doors that completely open to the outdoors and effortlessly extend any room. Creating a wall of glass, multi-slide patio doors are wonderful additions between a kitchen and outdoor patio area as they seamlessly blend the two spaces. As shown in this black multi-slide patio door project, they require no additional space to operate.



This makes them well-suited for an open living room or even a bedroom that opens to the backyard.

### **Bifold Patio Doors Neatly Fold to Completely Open Panels**

[With bifold patio doors](#), your space benefits from distinctive design and operation that extends your living space beyond the exterior walls. These doors have multiple panels that are connected to slide and fold together when opened, like an accordion. Bifold patio doors can completely open all panels to allow light and fresh air into the home. A new trend surrounding bifold doors are smaller versions used as a pass-through window over a countertop. This is ideal for passing food and beverages between an indoor kitchen and an outdoor bar space.

### **ALWAYS BUILT FOR YOUR LIFESTYLE, NEVER OUT OF STYLE**

For those [shopping for a new patio door](#), consider the timeless and trendy appeal that the color black offers. Lending itself to modern, contemporary, traditional and farmhouse designs, a black patio door can be used to make a statement or blend seamlessly into a space. With types of patio doors fit for many different spaces and lifestyles, enhance your home's design with the addition of a black patio door.



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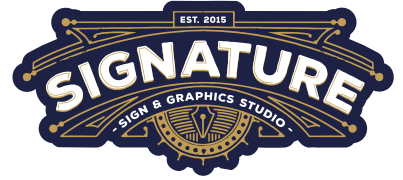
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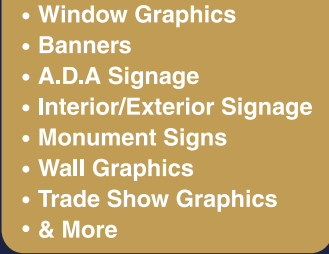
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# THREE TYPES OF PATIOS TO CONSIDER FOR YOUR HOME

By Weller Brothers, originally posted [here](#)

A patio is a common addition to any Midwest backyard, providing a sturdy and attractive surface for outdoor entertaining and relaxation.

There are several types of patios to choose from, each with its own unique look and benefits. During your initial consultation with one of our landscape designers, you'll likely discuss the intended use and desired look to determine which patio type is best for you:

- paver
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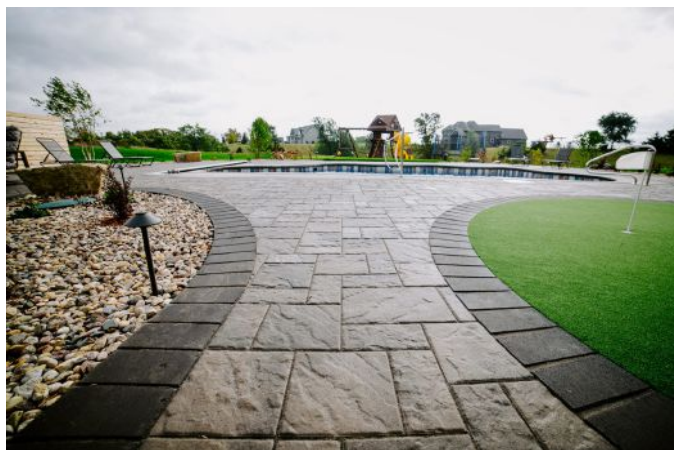
Let's explore these patio options to help you decide which one is right for your outdoor space.

## PAVER AND TILE PATIOS

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Homeowners in Sioux Falls, Rochester, and Des Moines often opt for paver patios because there are a variety of styles and sizes to choose from, allowing you to create nearly any look you'd like.

Pavers also offer longer patio longevity; if one cracks, you can simply have that one paver replaced.



## Types of Pavers

Our landscape design team sources patio pavers from the following brands – [Techo-Bloc](#), Belgard, or [Unilock](#).

All three brands offer high-quality pavers but specialize in different styles. The selection comes down to the color, finish, and overall look you want for your space.

Sometimes, we even install pavers from more than one brand in the same design to add contrasting textures or colors.

## Typical Cost of Pavers

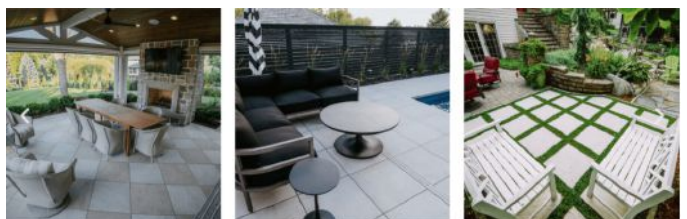
The costs of your paver patio can vary greatly depending on the brand or style. Generally speaking, they can range from \$25-\$35/square foot.



## Tiles

Tile patios are similar to pavers in that they offer a smooth, polished look and can be replaced individually if needed.

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That said, tiles can be a much higher financial investment, and they certainly add a wow factor to high-end landscape design.

## CONCRETE PATIOS

A concrete patio is the most cost-effective of your patio options, and can still look fantastic in your outdoor living space.

Some homeowners prefer a smooth concrete slab surrounding their pool area or for their seating area, while others add a texture element with stamped concrete.

Take note – while a concrete patio may save you some money upfront, it could be a hassle down the road if you're a perfectionist. One con of concrete patios is that if it cracks or settles in an area, you either have to live with it or replace the whole thing.

It's totally up to you and your preferences!

### Typical Cost of Concrete Patios

Like all patio types, the cost varies but a ballpark range is \$10/square foot for plain, brushed concrete and \$20-\$25/square foot for stamped concrete.



## NATURAL STONE PATIOS

Natural stone – or flagstone – patios are the third patio option for your Midwest home. This type of patio offers an organic, rugged look to your space.

Again, it's simply a matter of what your desired look is and how you plan to use the space.

For example, if you expect your patio or walkway to be a high-traffic area, natural stone may not be the best option due to the rough surface (which also makes it difficult to shovel).

That said, it can add lovely texture to an ancillary area in your space while complementing a larger, smooth paver area.

### Typical Cost of Natural Stone

Natural Stone patios typically run at a similar cost to



high-end pavers, or more.

For example, they can be anywhere from \$25-\$45 per square foot.

## QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

Now that you understand the different types of patios, you might feel overwhelmed. Let's make the decision easier with a few simple questions:

- How will you use the space? – If it's a high-traffic area, flagstone, or natural stone, isn't the best choice. Will there be kids running around the pool? If so, stamped concrete can be slippery.
- Are you okay with having cracks that may develop over time? If "yes," and you're budget-conscious, then concrete may be a good option. If you don't want to live with cracks and settling in a few years, choose a paver patio so you can easily replace individual pavers as needed.
- What look do you want? Do you want clean, crisp lines? Go with pavers or tiles. Do you like the organic, natural look? Then, consider natural stone.
- What's your budget? The cost of a patio varies, but, generally speaking, here is how patio types rank from the least investment to the highest investment:
  - Concrete
  - Stamped concrete
  - Basic pavers
  - High-end pavers
  - Natural stone/flagstone

We have a handy budget guide to help guide your landscape design decision-making. [Check it out here.](#)

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Royal Flooring  
11801 Hickman Rd, Urbandale

**5** Monday

## GOLF LEAGUE

4:30 PM  
Legacy Golf Club  
400 Legacy Pkwy, Norwalk

**7** Wednesday

## RC COFFEE

9:00 AM  
Twisted Bean  
4504 Merle Hay Rd, Des Moines

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

3:00 PM

## PWB SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

6:00 PM  
The Venue  
209 5th St, West Des Moines

**9** Friday

## SPRING GOLF OUTING

7:00 AM and 12:00 PM  
Legacy Golf Club  
400 Legacy Pkwy, Norwalk

**12** Monday

## EXEC COMMITTEE

8:00 AM

## GOLF LEAGUE

4:30 PM  
Legacy Golf Club  
400 Legacy Pkwy, Norwalk

**13** Tuesday

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

11:00 AM

**14** Wednesday

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**19** Monday

## LUNCH BUNCH

11:30 AM  
Bravo! Italian Kitchen  
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West Des Moines

## GOLF LEAGUE

4:30 PM  
Legacy Golf Club  
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**20** Tuesday

## PWB EXEC

1:00 PM

**22** Thursday

## DEVELOPERS COUNCIL

10:00 AM

**27** Tuesday

## PWB COFFEE CLUB

9:45 AM  
Flooring America  
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Clive

**28** Wednesday

## AMBASSADOR COMMITTEE

11:30 AM

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# BEGINNING OF JUNE

**2** Monday

## GOLF LEAGUE

4:30 PM  
Legacy Golf Club  
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Altoona	11	0	0
Ames	2	0	0
Ankeny	50	11	0
Bondurant	7	0	0
Carlisle	0	0	0
Clive	15	6	0
Cumming	0	0	0
Des Moines	12	0	0
Grimes	4	3	0
Indianola	1	0	0
Johnston	7	0	0
Newton	0	0	0
Norwalk	22	10	0
Pella	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	1	0	0
Polk City	6	0	0
Polk County	12	0	0
Urbandale	26	0	0
Waukee	38	65	0
WDM	12	16	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>0</b>
345			

2025			
CITY	SF	TH	MF
Adel	8	0	0
Altoona	10	0	0
Ames	13	0	0
Ankeny	38	56	374
Bondurant	1	0	0
Carlisle	3	0	0
Clive	5	0	0
Cumming	0	0	0
Des Moines	23	45	0
Grimes	6	0	0
Indianola	5	0	0
Johnston	6	0	0
Newton	0	0	0
Norwalk	0	0	0
Pella	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	2	0	0
Polk City	7	0	0
Polk County	6	0	0
Urbandale	28	0	0
Waukee	32	0	50
WDM	18	4	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>424</b>
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Altoona	41	0	0
Ames	4	0	0
Ankeny	124	23	0
Bondurant	32	0	0
Carlisle	0	0	0
Clive	28	6	0
Cumming	0	0	0
Des Moines	47	4	6
Grimes	6	3	0
Indianola	6	0	0
Johnston	25	6	0
Newton	0	0	0
Norwalk	57	10	0
Pella	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	6	0	0
Polk City	8	0	0
Polk County	22	0	0
Urbandale	65	14	0
Waukee	124	75	0
WDM	35	16	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>6</b>
805			

2025			
CITY	SF	TH	MF
Adel	16	0	0
Altoona	28	0	0
Ames	20	0	0
Ankeny	85	151	462
Bondurant	11	0	0
Carlisle	9	0	0
Clive	13	0	0
Cumming	0	0	0
Des Moines	50	45	390
Grimes	19	0	0
Indianola	24	0	0
Johnston	18	0	0
Newton	0	0	0
Norwalk	14	0	0
Pella	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	12	0	0
Polk City	18	0	0
Polk County	7	0	0
Urbandale	77	22	0
Waukee	80	0	50
WDM	42	4	0
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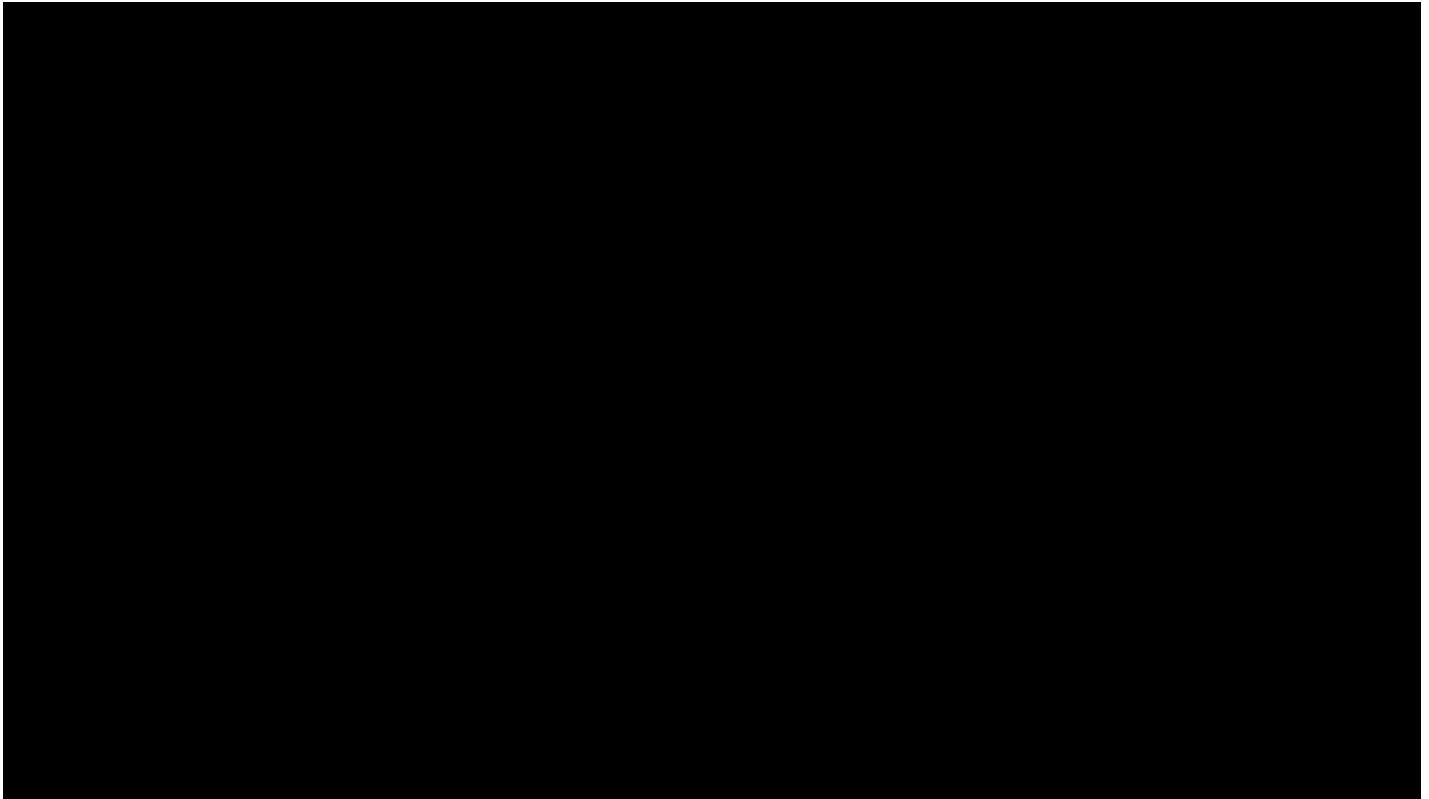
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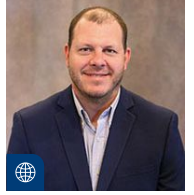
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