

# 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

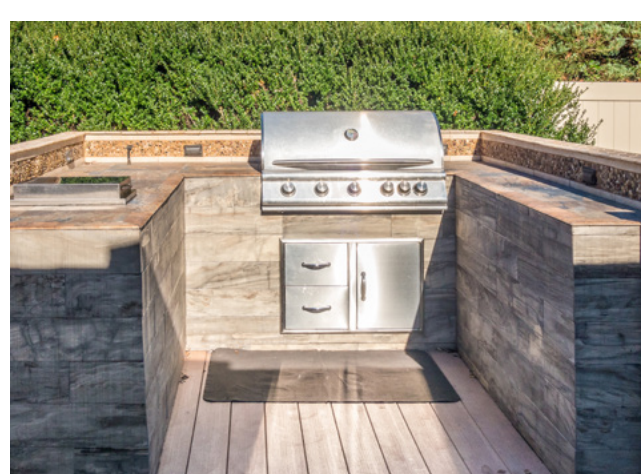
**Reason:**  
Concrete is porous and can require more maintenance than anticipated

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

## **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



## **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

