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Some Random Landscape Thoughts

Due to their rising popularity, fire elements are a top trend for landscapes. They're a "hot" commodity and can increase a home's value—especially when compared to homes lacking these features. With today's variety of fire elements available, professionals in the landscape industry are tasked with the specifics of design considerations, fuel types, and safety factors.

Design Considerations:

This might be more complex than it seems. You must consider the spatial arrangement of the outdoor room, proximity to the home or other structures, and prevailing winds at the site. The design should also adhere to local land use regulations. When creating a design, take inspiration from the style and aesthetics of the architectural features of your home.

Fuel Types:

Natural gas or liquid propane are gaining in popularity. Some structures today have very realistic burners and ceramic log sets that can appear like traditional wood burning fire. These fuel sources are easy to use and burn clean. Additionally, the fuel consumed is an operating cost that must be considered.

Safety Factors:

When it comes to safety, you can never be too careful. We encourage you to establish "rules" of the fire element. We advocate adult supervision and to treat the fire element like a pool in terms of safety. Who is authorized to tend the fire? How much fuel is appropriate? Where is the nearest water source? When safety is a priority, everyone can truly enjoy the space.

All throughout history, fire has served as a natural place for people to gather around a roaring flame and share stories.

Happy Landscaping!



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Fire Elements

Firepits

Firepits generally provide a more casual and relaxed atmosphere. They are easy to use and install, while providing multiple viewing and warming angles. Firepits can be permanently installed to the space or prefabricated models can be purchased that can be portable and moved around the space.

However, they can be a little messy and sometimes the smoke can be overwhelming.



Fireplaces

Fireplaces offer visually stimulating views even when not in use. With a chimney stack penetrating a roof structure, they have the advantage of being integrated into covered porches and pergolas or pavilions.

However, the technical components of construction make them more expensive to install.

Fire Accents

Fire accents are clean burning and easy to use in a controlled atmosphere. They can often be integrated into almost any hardscape.

However, they are limited to fire fuels that are noncombustible and their nontraditional style is often associated with more modern design.

