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## From Fire Pits to Poolscapes: Belgard® experts share summer outdoor living trends for 2016

ATLANTA (June 1, 2016) Belgard®, the leader in outdoor living essentials for the patio and beyond, prepares homeowners for the entertaining season ahead by declaring 2016's top summer outdoor living trends. As many homeowners begin to spend more time outdoors, the overall trends continue to revolve around creating homey, attractive, livable outdoor spaces that are an extension of the indoor environment.

Homeowners can find inspiration and bring their backyard dreams to life by using the company's [Idea Book](#) or [Belgard Design Studio](#) to embody the following summer trends:

- **Make a 'split-level' splash:** Dimensional, multi-level design is the leading trend of the season in modern poolscapes. To create the effect, Belgard offers a versatile selection of [retaining wall](#) blocks to enable the design to be as dynamic as its homeowner.
- **Dinner is served, al fresco:** Outdoor grilling is a team sport! With [Belgard's Outdoor Kitchen](#), grilling is no longer a solitary job. Meal preparation is now a community event with a team of chefs prepping, grilling or just hanging out.
- **Light up the night:** No need to leave the backyard for a scenic summer soiree. Proper lighting is a key component to the design and overall mood of an outdoor living area. For the perfect ambiance, Belgard recommends illuminated planters, pendant lights, string bulbs or hardscape lighting.
- **Turn up the heat:** Heat is trending in this season, and it is not in relation to the weather. [Fire pits](#) are a summer night's perfect accessory, especially when winding down on the patio. ***Insider tip: wood fire keeps the mosquitoes at bay!***

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**Editor's note: Photos to accompany each trend are available upon request at the Belgard Media Room, <http://www.belgardmediaroom.com/images>.**

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