



## Checklist for Homeowners When Planning an Outdoor Project

### Get Inspired

Pinterest is a wonderful platform to explore for outdoor project inspiration. Search for terms like these to explore boards and starting pinning your favorites...

- Patios
- Outdoor living
- Stone veneer
- Pavers

There are many online sources to help you create a vision or plan for your backyard oasis. Here's a few from Instone:

[6 Places Your Outdoor Design Needs Stone Fabrication and What's Possible](#)

[Use Aura Natural Stone To Turn An Ordinary Backyard Into An Oasis](#)

[Summer is the Perfect Time for a Pizza Party with the ISO'ven](#)

### Plan Ahead

1. Start planning your project in winter to break ground in spring/summer.
2. Plan for larger projects in phases and anticipate two weeks for each phase of work.
3. Check that you have the space to accommodate your project(s).
4. Find out what building permits are needed.
5. Review bids and consider the quote that comes in the middle, never go with the lowest bid to save money.
6. Check out the license and insurance of the company you want to work with.

### During The Build

1. Make sure you have the money to pay in full when the build starts and anticipate that the cost can go up as the project moves along.
2. Put it on your schedule to be home during construction.
3. Review the work daily to maintain good communication with your builder and to ensure there are no mistakes that would cost you more money and delay the project.