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WATER FEATURES OR FIRE FEATURES?

“In the Northeast, fire features tend to be more popular because they extend the seasonal use of the garden on either side of the traditional summer season. When architecturally appropriate to the house, they provide both a functional and beautiful focal point for any seating arrangement.” —**Renée Byers**

“FIRE FEATURES. IN ADDITION TO CUTTING THE COLD ON A CHILLY EVENING, PEOPLE TEND TO RELAX AND BE MORE SOCIAL AROUND A FIRE. THERE IS A LONG HISTORY OF PEOPLE TELLING STORIES (TRUE OR NOT) AROUND CAMPFIRES, AND THE FIRE PIT PROVIDES A SETTING FOR GOOD CONVERSATION.”
—**Justin Quinn, James Doyle Design Associates, jdda.com**

“Both are popular, but fire features are my preferred option, because it creates a room for spending time with friends and family.” —**Janice Parker**

“Earth, air, fire and water are the classical elements according to the Ancient Greeks. At the request of many of our clients, we include both fire and water features when designing entire properties.” —**Nancy King**

“Both! Fire pits and water features are always exciting for us to design. People are spending so much time outdoors in all kinds of weather now. These set a communal tone and bring people together for conversation and entertaining one day, and for quiet reflection and meditation another day.”
—**Rosalia Sanni**



NATURAL BEAUTY

Teak is a natural in the garden because it ages beautifully and is weather resistant. The Emma table from Teak Warehouse is made with a smooth, circular top set on a slatted base in a high-quality and durable teak. teakwarehouse.com.



STACKING UP

Need a good-looking way to stack your fireplace or fire-pit wood? Step2's Longhorn firewood rack is made from high-quality resin that is rustproof and weatherproof and holds approximately 6.5 cubic feet of firewood. step2.com.



GATHERING PLACE

Geometric frames and clean, contemporary lines define the Matisse collection from Janus et Cie. Lounging and dining pieces are crafted from sustainably sourced premium teak. The warm, natural finish and finely grained wood is complemented by polyvinyl mesh panels in Mocha. janusetcie.com.

SOFT SEATING

When you need extra seating, the Apex outdoor ottoman from Roche Bobois is a fun and colorful option. The quilted design is achieved with Meridien outdoor fabrics. roche-bobois.com.

