

Plant List for Backyard Resort

Obviously, where you live determines what plants to use. We're going to give you a general list to show your landscaper or nursery. We strongly recommend you show them your Backyard Resort Design Plan and get their recommendations also.

Behind the pool use Hicks Yews or tall Junipers or even Holly as a privacy hedge. You want height and most importantly, evergreens. Between the hedge and pool use an eye-catching tree like a Japanese Maple. Add flowering shrubs like Crape Myrtle, Althea, Lilac, and Knockout Shrub Rose to fill the space between the hedge and the pool.

Oakleaf Hydrangea is great for lining the walk from the pool to the hot tub. Around the hot tub plant Pines to provide privacy behind. In the corners of the beds in front of the hot tub plant Nandina Domestica for a little extra privacy.

In the central beds use showy, small trees as centerpieces. Try Cherry, Plum, Amur Maple, Saucer Magnolia, Red Bud or Crape Myrtle. We like Nandinas, Azaleas, Weigela, Beauty Berry, or even Butterfly Bush around them.

Behind the dining pergola our pick would be Hydrangeas, but any small, flowering shrub like Knockout Roses, Lilac, or Spirea would work. Be sure to plant a lot of them for a thick, colorful display.

Along the main path use annuals in the corners for a big color splash. Try Petunias, Geraniums, Pansies, or Chrysanthemums.

Between the hammock and the fence plant another evergreen hedge. Use Hosta in the shade under the trees. Some Impatiens would be very nice, too. Plant in drifts or multiples for best effect.



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Behind the bar use a very eye-catching Japanese Maple as a living wall. Use Hosta along the walk from the dining pergola to the bar. A nice big bed of annuals would also look pretty.

Fill your containers with annuals, a showcase Japanese Maple, or a big Hosta. Also, try “thriller, spiller, filler” plants in containers for a dramatic focal point.

On each side of the back door have a pretty Clematis on a trellis.

In the main planting beds use a ground cover like Vinca, Blue Rug Juniper, or Liriope. Mix in a few Stella Doro Daylilies, too.

