

THE SECRET TO OUTDOOR SPEAKERS

Are you planning the perfect outdoor living area or do you already have it? Including high quality outdoor sound is the finishing touch on your perfect, happy place.

Rather than struggling with the poor audio quality of portable speakers, imagine using your phone or tablet to control high quality speakers hidden in your landscape. Full spectrum sound that rivals the best indoor systems can envelope your outdoor space with the rich sound of your favorite artists.

If you've been thinking about adding an outdoor speaker system to complete your perfect backyard getaway, we wanted to share a few tips to keep in mind.

Know your zones

Every outdoor space is different, and to get the best quality from your speaker setup you'll need to carefully determine a few key factors: where guests might be, how much area will be covered, your proximity to your neighbors, and planning to actually wire everything in the appropriate place.

Purchase outdoor speakers

This seems self-explanatory, but don't leave anything to chance. The elements are tough on everything, and no matter how protected you think a space might be, the elements can find a way into your setup. Outdoor speakers are specifically designed to be weatherproof, and have price ranges that fit nearly any budget. Even if they are outdoor speakers, remember to protect your investment as much as possible. Consider placing them under eaves where it might make sense.



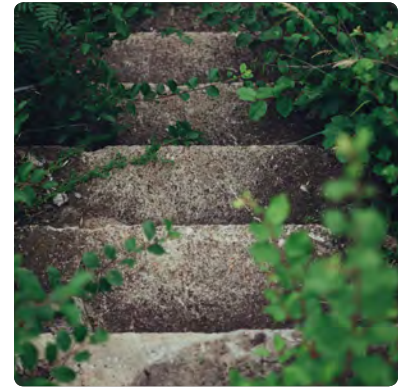
How many speakers?

Because every outdoor space is different, it's difficult to make a recommendation without knowing your individual setup. Even coverage is the key to an outdoor speaker setup; installing speakers anywhere guests would typically roam is important for creating a perfect party atmosphere. It's also important to remember that any sound coming through your speakers is going to dissipate more quickly than it would in a confined indoor space. High quality power (and plenty of it) is essential to outdoor audio. Don't risk poor sound by skimping on the amplifier!



Installation

Installation for outdoor speakers is generally pretty simple. Most kits come with all necessary brackets and helpful instructions. Remember to test your setup before finalizing your placement to ensure proper coverage for all areas.



Adding music to your outdoor space enhances the atmosphere and brings an additional element of fun to any backyard gathering. If you are interested in integrating speakers into your outdoor space and aren't sure where to start, give Hively a call at 717-292-5696 and we'll be happy to help!

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