



MOONLIGHT

Using the latest advances in lighting, landscaping,
and color, Katy families enjoy balmy summer
nights in their own backyards



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Katy Pools at Night by Anike Arni



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What does it take to create a dramatic night time pool that will be the envy of the neighborhood? Some additional lighting, soothing waterfalls, and fire pits are just a few additions that can create the perfect nighttime ambiance.

SETTING THE MOOD

To accent any mood desired, lighting is essential. And to make each pool unique, the options are vast. Not only are there different colors to choose from, but you can choose to install color-changing systems or dimming options. "For the swimming pools, the latest is LED lighting," says Chris Meier of Pulliam Pools. "Underwater color LED light provides combinations for both individual colored lights and mixes and matches." The LED systems also offer a variety of color shows to choose from.

To spice it up a little more, add bubblers and you're set for a truly relaxing as well as fun atmosphere. You can also add some color to your waterfalls, fountains, and spas.

Even better, consider mounting a misting system. A dazzling fog with a glimmer of light can be the perfect finishing touch to your pool. "We can deliver a pool to be as unique as the customer," says Skrehot.

BACKYARD COMFORT FEATURES

For an even better outdoor living experience, add a fire pit, fire bowl, or fireplace to your backyard. These areas make for a great spot to sit with friends and family during cooler summer nights. Skrehot also points out that fire pits can be natural gas, propane, or wood burning based, and they can vary in size, shape, and appearance.

But don't forget the sound effects. Waterfalls or fountains are not just a great visual aid, but they add to the relaxing feel of your pool with the sound of water, rising and settling. "They can shoot to up to two feet," Skrehot says of the fountains. "And they can be lighted up as well."

SET THE MOOD REMOTELY

Today, control systems allow you to have more flexibility and comfort. With optional wireless controls, you can change the temperature, water level, dimness, and filtering process. But controls can go beyond wireless. "Intell touch systems are expandable to where you can utilize various controls and also have software available on your computer to control your pool from a remote location. So when you get home, it's ready to go," explains Skrehot. "They're even expandable to control other features of your house, such as outdoor lights, indoor lights, and much more." **KM**

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