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Patio Planning

Today on Gardening in a Minute: patio planning.

Patios are a wonderful way to expand your home into the backyard. These typically open-air, paved spaces can be a place to relax, hang out, or even cook.

Think about what floor material you want to use for your patio. There's concrete, or something a little different like bricks, pavers, or flagstones.

Determine your power needs for reading, cooking, or lighting the garden, and plan accordingly.

If you have a barbeque grill, chiminea, or other fire component, decide where you'll place it.

If you'll spend time on the patio during the day, you'll probably want some shade from a tree, umbrella, or pergola.

Another thing to consider is furniture. Provide adequate seating for your guests or just you and your family, if you want a more intimate space.

For more information about patio planning and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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