

A photograph of an outdoor patio area. In the foreground, there is a black metal swivel chair with a tan cushion. To its right is a black metal patio umbrella with a red canopy. The furniture is on a light-colored patio rug. In the background, there is a pond with a grassy bank and some rocks. The text "Avoid Disaster in Your Outdoor Space with the Right Items" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Avoid Disaster in Your Outdoor Space with the Right Items



Which would you rather have: an expanded use of your outdoor space bringing relaxation to new heights or a disaster waiting to happen? We'd like to speak on two simple outdoor items that could make or break your space—umbrellas and furniture.

Choosing an umbrella for your outdoor space may seem simple. You may think all you need to consider is the size, price, and look of the umbrella. You make a quick trip, pick up a cheap option, and put up what you think is your nice, new umbrella. However, what you may end up with is third degree sunburns on you, your children, and your friends when you think you are protected by the shade of your new umbrella. When choosing an umbrella, for extra comfort and peace of mind, consider choosing a UV-resistant umbrella. Go for high quality materials with UV protection. Durable, high quality materials will last longer and be a true investment for your home. Choose materials that will resist fading, mold, and mildew. While it may cost more at the time of purchase, not needing to buy a new one the very next year will help make up the cost. Plus, you can't put a price on protection and peace of mind.

When choosing furniture for your space, remember that comfort and durability are just as important as style. Your space may look very stylish and appealing, but if you are not comfortable, you will not want to spend time there no matter how pretty it is. High quality furniture should give you proper back and neck support, allowing you to comfortably relax and recline for hours and end up feeling rested instead of sore. Try out different pieces in the store before you buy to make sure you choose what the best fit is for you. With the right cushions and an outdoor rug, you can easily add comfort and style to your space. Also, would you rather buy new cheap chairs after every rainy summer because last year's are covered in rust and leaving rust stains on your patio, or would you rather invest in chairs made from durable, high quality material that will last for years? Look for furniture made from materials that will resist mold, mildew, and rust. Also make sure to note the foundation of your furniture. Based on where you are planning on placing your pieces, make sure the legs will be kind to the surface they will rest on and vice versa. You don't want your new table to scratch your deck or your lawn to rot your wooden chair legs.

Take your time surveying your options, and do some research to choose from trusted brands. Buying locally can benefit you in this area. Asking a professional who knows Tallahassee's climate and how different materials fare in it can help you get the most out of your investment. 🌳

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