



**THE** Pod barbecue, from Jamie Durie's Patio range, features a pressed-steel body and hood, two burners, warming rack and a grill with Teflon coat. It's \$298 from Big W.

# Outside the box

It's a whole other world out there with the changing of the seasons, and it's time to bask in the glory.

Get your undercover area clean and tidy in preparation for the summertime barbie.

Here are some outdoor ideas to get you started.



**THE** two-litre Patio by Jamie Durie watering can is stylish and ergonomic in design and costs \$5.96. Meanwhile, the poly round-shaped hose spike is designed to protect plants and shrubs (\$12.98) and the easy-to-grip garden shears will definitely come in handy for \$9.98. Available from the Patio range at Big W.



**THE** SunnyLife Melamine range will have you serving summer tastes in style. Visit [www.sunnylife.com.au](http://www.sunnylife.com.au) to view the collection.



**TAKE** a seat in the Patio by Jamie Durie Adirondack deck chair, which costs \$238 from Big W.



**A FOOTED** insert inside this Home Leisure planter holds the soil and plant above a small reservoir of water. Its feet allow water to pass into the soil. The planter is available from Bunnings and Kmart, or call 03 9538 9200 other for stockists.



**THIS** 108cm seat offers a stylish outdoor focal piece for \$199. Visit Bunnings to pick one up.

**PATIO** is Jamie Durie's new range of outdoor furniture and accessories exclusive to Big W. The Garden Gazebo II is a 3x3m steel-frame gazebo with curtains and insect screens. It retails for \$364.



**IN** a sure sign we are indeed growing greener, the Hudson company has developed the Green Garder Eco Sprayer – and it comes with a one-year limited warranty. It retails for about \$45 and is available nationally from hardware outlets.



# Lighting up the night

**YOU** may have heard of down lights inside your house, but moonlighting, also called downlighting, is popular outside too.

It is a soft, natural-look light with a dappled pattern of light and shadows.

To create the effect, multiple light fixtures are mounted in tall tree branches to cast light downward through the lower branches and on to the ground.

"It's as if the space was illuminated by a full moon," said lighting designer Randall Whitehead.

It provides a nice soft glow that falls down on the plants.

## Uplighting

A popular technique with palm trees, uplighting is used to highlight and add dimension to trees, palms, shrubs and other objects with lights shining up from the ground.

One of the biggest mistakes with uplighting palms is placing the light too close to the trunk.

## Spotlighting

The best features in your yard can be illuminated with spotlighting, which uses carefully placed directional fixtures.

Spotlights are also used in outdoor kitchens to focus light on work areas such as the sink, grill and food prep area.

## Grazing

Lights can be placed at the base of walls and pointed upward to skim the surface with dappled light and shadows, a technique known as grazing.

It is also used to project through low-growing plants, such as ornamental grasses.

## Path lighting

Path lighting is placed low to the ground and pointed downward to illuminate walkways.

Lights can also be recessed into the ground and filtered to diffuse the light.



Nine solar-powered lights, \$19.97, from the Patio range at Big W.

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