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Bring the sunshine and backyard into your home this summer

— *Look for energy-efficient, stylish Pella® patio doors* —

PELLA, IOWA — Warm weather means it's an ideal time to redo or create a new outdoor living space that you can enjoy all summer. When designing your ideal backyard, add a new patio door to your plans to help bring the sunshine, fresh air and outdoor fun into your home.

The season's hottest outdoor living spaces are kitchens and entertaining areas, according to the American Society of Landscape Architects. Overall, consumers are opting for essentials — seating/dining areas, weatherized outdoor furniture and fire pits/fireplaces — over expensive and elaborate yard features. They're also looking for time- and money-saving features.

"Homeowners want to create an outdoor space for their family, friends and neighbors to soak up the sunshine, the fresh air and relax as they enjoy their backyards," says Kathy Krafka Harkema, Pella Windows and Doors spokesperson. "Now's the time to bring that outdoor feeling into your home year-round by installing a stylish, energy-efficient patio door."

Choose the right patio door

When choosing a patio door to connect and help protect your home from the great outdoors, consider the amount of space available, climate conditions, your home's style and your budget. Patio doors are an impressive focal point. They draw the eye outdoors and spotlight your yard, patio or deck.

There are two basic patio door types — hinged/French door and sliding.

Consider a hinged patio door if you have ample space to allow the door to swing and want to make a grand entrance to your outdoor area. Consider installing French-style hinged patio doors with two movable doors that swing open from the sides, or single hinged doors that create simple elegance.

Another popular option is a sliding patio door. They don't swing, so they require less open floor space than a hinged door. A unique design from Pella puts the sliding panel on the outside — so when the wind blows against it, it creates a tighter seal, helping save energy. For added convenience and protection from insects, the self-storing retractable Rolscreen® for sliding doors rolls out of sight when not in use.

Need privacy?

Patio doors can be a valuable source of sunlight, but when you want some privacy consider designs with between-the-glass window fashions. Options from Pella come with factory-installed or optional snap-in between-the-glass blinds, fabric shades and decorative panels that won't collect dust and won't tangle in the summer breeze like traditional curtains and vertical blinds.

Need fresh air but not a new door?

Storm doors are a great, cost-effective option for allowing in more natural light and fresh air when used with an existing entry door. From full-view doors to retractable screens to designer interchangeable glass panels, there are many models from which to choose to let the sunshine and cool breeze in, while affordably adding energy efficiency and curb appeal to your home.

Choose energy-efficient options

Many patio doors are built with energy-saving Low-E insulating glass with argon that meet or exceed U.S. ENERGY STAR® guidelines. These doors help reduce heating and cooling costs, and ultraviolet (UV) damage to furniture, carpet and drapes.

Whether you plan to create an outdoor kitchen, build a new deck or simply enjoy burgers on the grill every weekend, a functional, fashionable patio door can add some sizzle to your home. For more information on sliding or hinged patio doors or storm doors, or to contact a sales representative, visit www.pella.com or call (888) 847-3552.

About Pella

Pella Corporation is a leader in designing, testing, manufacturing and installing quality windows and doors for new construction, remodeling and replacement applications.

As a family-owned and professionally managed privately-held company, Pella is known for its 86-year history of making innovative products, providing quality service and delivering on customer satisfaction. Headquartered in Pella, Iowa, the company is committed to incorporating new technologies, increasing productivity and practicing environmental stewardship to create satisfied customers.

Pella manufactures quality windows, patio doors and entry door systems sold through a Direct Sales Network operating Pella Window & Door Showrooms across the United States and Canada and select building materials retailers, including Lowe's®. For more information, call 888-847-3552 or visit pella.com. Follow Pella on Twitter.com @Pella_News, on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pellawindowsanddoors> and on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/pellawindowsanddoors>.

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