

Create a Great Escape in Your Backyard



This summer, place a call to Krevco Lifestyles and prepare to own a backyard family fun zone. Summer's hot weather means everyone has their "Gotta Have" list, and that's where Krevco Lifestyles can turn your dreams into reality.

Summertime means installing the perfect outdoor kitchen with the best in barbecues and grills, along with spas, pools, gazebos, decks and more, says Don Carson, co-owner of Krevco Lifestyles, which has four stores in Winnipeg, along with stores in Brandon and Kenora.

Krevco has been in the pool business for 30 years, and has the style of pool that will fit your needs, and of course, your budget. Enhance your summer with a beautifully designed and installed in-ground pool from the company's extensive selection of over 70 styles and sizes to choose from. For those with an existing pool, Krevco Renu-A-Pool is the pool restoration division, ready to install new pool liners and also do upgrades, such as steps to bring a more modern feel to your pool.

"We are the Consumer's Choice for three years running in the area of swimming pools," says Carson. "We're seeing a new trend; many people are looking for above-ground pools this year, which have the same features as in-ground pools, but offer the advantage of allowing homeowners to take them along when they move."

Swim spas are hot this summer, with people adding ExerSwim units to the side of their pool, allowing them to swim into a current, designed to give you a swimming workout in a small pool. For complete luxury in swim spas, Krevco carries the H2X Swim Spa, which is an above-

ground pool with a current generator at one end and an optional hot tub at the other.

"The H2X is different in that it creates a wall of water coming at you, rather than a narrow stream," says Carson. "The H2X's current allows you to exercise continuously, without swimming out of the current. The nice part about this swim spa is that it can be used year-round outside, with an insulated cover, much like that on a four-season hot tub."

The H2X comes in 14, 17 and 19-foot long models, any of which are lifted into your yard with a boom truck. For a more complete look, the swim spa can be sunk into the ground, with a patio built around it.

As for Krevco's award-winning line of spas, there are new features such as isothermic insulation, therapy seats, adjustable jet systems, walk-on covers and technology interfaces such as iPod docking stations and waterproof LCD TV systems.

"Our Master Spa line includes the EcoPure Filtration System which doesn't use nasty chemicals in abundance, and is economical and environmentally-friendly," says Carson. "Our customers who have these spas at Lake of the Woods are delighted with this system, in that they can add lake water to the spa, and four hours later, it's crystal clear."

With Krevco's acquisition of Embers Fireplaces & More, there is now a comprehensive selection of wood and gas burning fireplaces suited for the outdoor living space. For cottagers looking ahead to the cool autumn months, Embers also carries a number of wood and pellet burning stoves.

Krevco favours the Vermont Castings line of barbecues, along with Primo grills and smokers. Both lines include fine craftsmanship and the latest technology, such as light sources over the grill on the Vermont Castings barbecues, and better temperature adjustment to provide even heat without hot spots. The Primo ceramic wood smoker is enough to make a barbecue enthusiast drool, and Krevco carries them in three different sizes, with optional teak or cypress tables to cradle your new smoker.

"Here's a secret I'd like to pass on: I bought a Vermont Castings barbecue seven years ago, and it still looks and grills like new," says Carson. "No one wants to grill a filet mignon on a rusty old barbecue after they've taken one look at the Vermont Castings line."

As the mosquitoes arrive for dinner in your backyard, look to Krevco for an awesome line of Canadian-made gazebos which are built with a heavy snow load in mind for winter, and the requisite screens to keep those pesky bugs at bay in summer.

New at Krevco – and new to Manitoba – is the Tempest Torch, which is a dramatic decorative outdoor lamp that burns with a beautiful swirling flame. The Tempest Torch burns propane or natural gas, and can be mounted on poles or posts, wall-mounted or as a portable patio model which can be moved around. It also comes in a tabletop version that burns gel fuel.

For more on how western Canada's largest leisure lifestyle company can fulfill your Gotta Have summertime desires, visit www.krevcodirect.com