



This lush garden setting in New Canaan, Connecticut, designed by landscape architect Janice Parker, is as magical as it is welcoming, with a mix of green plantings and elegant white hydrangeas.

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THE Report

ALL THE TIPS, TOOLS AND TIDBITS THAT WILL HELP TURN YOUR OWN BACKYARD INTO YOUR NEW FAVORITE RETREAT.

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GREEN SCENE

As summer descends, more than just perennials are coming to life again: With the longer days and warmer weather, homes across the country are beginning to bloom, unfolding out into handsome outdoor spaces and onto beautifully manicured lawns. It's all the inspiration their inhabitants need to leave their cozy porches on the sofa behind for sun-drenched spots on covered porches, well-equipped backyard kitchens and bright blue pools with serious appeal. On the following pages, go green with some of the season's prettiest outdoor living spaces.