

# "Hardscape Feature Ideas for Bondurant, IA: From Fire Pits to Seating Walls

Hardscaping features like fire pits, seating walls, pergolas, and paths can really make your **Bondurant, IA** yard more interesting and useful. Here are some ideas that will inspire you, tips for how to use them in Iowa, and how to make them work on your Bondurant property.

## Fireplaces and fire pits outside

- Fire pits with stone or paver surrounds built in
- Linear fire tables built into walls that people sit on
- Gas, propane, or a mix of the two for convenience
- Seating built into the fire features

In Bondurant, make sure the base and materials of the fire structure can handle seasonal expansion.

## Retaining Bench Walls and Seating Walls

Use the same materials for your walls or steps to make built-in seating. These serve as both retaining walls and places to hang out with friends, which is especially helpful in sloped Bondurant yards.

## Shade structures, arbors, and pergolas

Give some shade to dining or seating areas. Use wood, aluminum, or composite materials that are strong and have been treated to withstand Iowa's changing weather.

## Grilling and cooking outside

Outdoor kitchens are becoming more popular among Bondurant homeowners who like to host parties:

- Sinks, countertops, and storage
- Gas or built-in grill parts
- Power and plumbing that work together

Make sure that utilities are planned for and protected from the weather.

## Paths and walkways with stepping stones

- Pavers, stone, or decomposed granite can be used to make curved or straight paths.
- Use edge restraints to stop the spread.
- Light along paths for safety and beauty

### Fountains and Water Features

Small fountains, waterfalls without ponds, or bubbling urns can be the main attraction. Because of Bondurant's winters, people often choose systems that don't have ponds or are closed.

### Decorative Accents and Elements

- Paver inlays or bands that are different colors to make it look more interesting
- Raised planting beds built into hardscape
- Planter boxes, fire-glass inserts, and decorative seating areas

### Integration and Flow

Make sure features connect in a natural way:

- Align features with paths and areas
- Keep the scale right—don't put too many things in one yard.
- Use materials that are the same or colors that go well together.
- Add plants to transition areas to make the edges look softer.

### Things to think about for durability and climate

- Use stone or pavers that are rated for frost
- Give room for expansion joints
- Include drainage under all hardscape areas
- Keep utilities from freezing

### How to Use Bondurant in Your Area

We know a lot about soil, frost, and site-specific details because we've built a lot of hardscape projects in Bondurant, IA. We will plan for both durability and looks when you add a fire pit, seating walls, an outdoor kitchen, or a water feature.

Call us if you want to add new hardscape features to your Bondurant, IA yard. We'll help you improve your ideas, make drawings, and build things that can handle the weather in Iowa.

