The Patio Clearance Sheet

Map exact walk paths and test your furniture footprint before buying.

Confidently choose durable materials and measure exact clearances for your space. Test layouts on your own patio before ordering a single piece.



Essential Clearances

18 in
Reach distance & standard seat height

24 in min
Secondary paths & inside seat width

36 in
Main paths, dining push-back, fire pits

3 ft square
Cantilever umbrella base footprint

5 in min
High-density cushion insert thickness

Measure from the cushion

Always measure your reach distance from the front edge of the seat cushion rather than the frame to ensure perfectly accurate clearances.

Tape It Out First

1. **Pull exact dimensions** Get the overall width and depth from the retailer's spec sheet.
2. **Mark the corners** Place small tape dots at the four corners of your footprint.
3. **Connect the dots** Form the full footprint with straight tape lines.
4. **Test the flow** Walk through the remaining empty space to test clearances.
5. **Walk at night** Use exterior landscape lighting to identify subtle tripping hazards.

Rug Size & Overhang

Find your row: **Furniture Layout**

Furniture Layout	Your pick	Why
Sofa & two chairs	12 in front legs	8x10 ft ideal rug size
Dining table (four seats)	Overhang on all sides	9x12 ft ideal rug size
Large L-shaped sectional	Size up generous rug	Corner won't straddle binding edge

Checklist Before You Buy

- [ ] Shop by inside width to determine the actual usable seat space.
- [ ] Verify welded aluminum frames for rigid, wobble-free rust resistance.
- [ ] Look for quick-dry foam cores that let heavy rainwater pass through.
- [ ] Specify solution-dyed acrylic fabric to ensure vibrant, fade-proof colors.
- [ ] Check that all visible hardware is marine-grade stainless steel.
- [ ] Ensure cushions have breathable mesh bottoms and secure wind ties.

Patio Layout Notes

Enjoy your beautifully planned patio and those long, relaxing summer evenings outside!