

3-Zone Backyard Layout Measurement Guide

Map out a lush, functional retreat that eliminates the bowling-alley effect.

Calculate your distinct living zones using your lot's total depth. Mark these areas before buying a single paver.

● Designer Layout Elements

45-degree paving grid

Tricks eye to see wider space

Staggered screen walls

Create hidden depth and discovery

Curved edge transition

Softens harsh straight property lines

Black painted fence

Boundary visually recedes behind foliage

4ft deep side borders

Push the lawn shape inward

30% & 80%

Zone marks depend on total depth

Don't hug the fence

Narrow strips highlight the boxy shape of your yard. Expand borders to layer tall evergreens, mid-sized perennial grasses, and low trailing groundcovers.



● Hardscaping Details

- 1 Compact base** Tamp crushed limestone in 2-inch layers until the surface feels as hard as concrete.
- 2 Cut edges** Rent a wet saw with a diamond blade to cut perimeter pavers into precise triangles.
- 3 Lock grid** Sweep polymeric sand into joints and lightly mist to activate the weed-proof binding agents.
- 4 Grade lawn** Use a wide rake to slope soil gently away from the patio for safe drainage.
- 5 Space slats** Leave a 1-inch gap between horizontal cedar boards for cooling breezes and visual obstruction.

● Staking Out Zone Ratios

Find your row: **Total Yard Depth**

Total Yard Depth	Your pick	Why
40 feet	12ft, 20ft, 8ft	Patio, lawn, and lounge zones
50 feet	15ft, 25ft, 10ft	Patio, lawn, and lounge zones

● Before You Build

- Multiply total depth by the zone percentages to mark exact boundaries.
- Walk pathways between chalked zones to confirm comfortable furniture clearance.
- Check paver thickness to adjust the 6-inch total patio excavation.
- Verify underground utility lines before sinking privacy screen posts.
- Brush dirt and loose splinters off wood before applying exterior primer.

● Layout Notes & Measurements

Enjoy your beautifully proportioned, lush backyard retreat!