

CASE STUDY



PROJECT DETAILS

Name:

Cardinal Drive Residence

Products Used:

Colored & Stamped
Concrete

Location:

Stevens Point, WI

Contractor:

Alchemy Concrete, Inc.

Project Name:

Cardinal Drive Residence

Product Manufacturer:

County Ready Mix
Corporation

Ready-Mix Concrete Creates Functional and Beautiful Backyard Living Space

Solutions: Versatile and customizable ready-mix brings creative backyard transformation to life

An aging wooden deck had come to the end of its service life in this Wisconsin backyard, and the homeowners wanted to replace it with an outdoor living space that would last for decades.

Alchemy Concrete Inc. was hired to design and build a multi-functional backyard patio with a kitchen, fire circle, and built-in seating. As a specialist in decorative concrete solutions and conventional concrete installations, the contractor was familiar with the unmatched design versatility and customizability of colored and stamped ready-mix concrete supplied by County Ready Mix.

The inherent durability of ready-mix concrete makes it a reliable solution for outdoor living spaces, especially in the upper Midwest, where the harsh winters can shorten the service life of other materials. Ready-mix requires minimal maintenance and resists age and wear for decades, making it a cost-effective choice.

Using decorative ready-mix concrete in a variety of colors and textures, the contractor designed and built a space that included a sunken fire bowl with curved bench seating, and a kitchen area with a grill, refrigerator, electrical outlets, a preparation counter, and a raised bar.

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The backyard presented some technical challenges that required special care during both the design and the construction process. The contractor incorporated gravel beds around the concrete patio to handle water drainage and placed control joints strategically throughout the project to maximize functionality and enhance the visual flow.

Minimizing disruptions to the homeowners' lives was a priority during the installation. County Ready Mix worked closely with the contractor to deliver the ready-mix on-time for each stage of construction to ensure the project was finished in a timely manner. Careful attention to detail by the contractor during installation ensured this new patio will remain beautiful for years to come.

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