

Interesting Points About Patio Covers

Most working individuals with families target a home as their primary investment. Since the home is generally considered symbolic of one's social status many exert much effort to **make their homes a beautiful and comfortable one without sacrificing functionality and the budget**. This attitude also helps boost the property's value and makes the dwelling a personal statement of the homeowner. One popular area of the home can be the Patio area.

The exposure that **patios have to rain snow sun** and the elements has made canopy manufacturers come up with varying models made of different materials to address this concern. For added comfort canopy makers typically offer **waterproof systems with solid roof panels** and **systems more focused on providing shade** without eliminating all of the **Natural light exposure**. Made-to-order patio canopies can take 3-4 weeks before delivery.

One solution to protect patios from nature is the use of aluminum patio cover kits and retractable awnings. Such outdoor patio covers are generally for long-term use maintenance-free and comply with standard municipal load ratings and provisions of the International Building Code. The retractable quality allows one to adjust awnings depending on the weather condition. **Aluminum canopies also come in do-it-yourself models that can be used to augment a current deck as carports or for wealthier homeowners living near the water who have boats – protection for their vessels. Extended patio canopies allow homeowners practically continuous appreciation of the outdoors.**

Patio canopies also have use for residences with a swimming pool the backyard deck or other large and exposed areas. These flexible and pre-engineered structures can be attached to an existing home over the target area to be covered or set up as a stand-alone unit. Canopies can also be made of steel while maintaining their re-tractability and flexibility. For added comfort privacy or security some manufacturers even offer screen attachments to close off a desired area. For wide-open patios canopies effectively make them an extension of the house or a new room – giving the homeowner wider space and more comfort.

Homeowners have a wide range of options to better protect their patios and homes in general ensuring also that visiting family and friends can be entertained outside regardless of weather conditions. Canopies also allow the owner to read a book have tea or simply relax outside on the patio without any worry. Some canopy makers offer terms for individuals seeking a custom-made look with awning flexibility and other desired features.

The US Census Bureau has noted that backyard patios have become an increasing fixture of new single-family homes: 45% of such dwellings have them rising from 37% in 1992. This increase has fueled a related jump in outdoor furniture sales: Figures from the American Home Furnishings Alliance reported a 129% increase in purchases of canopies tables and other outdoor items from \$1bn more than 10 years ago to \$2.3bn in 2003.

The market already offers patio canopies made from **Futurewood or aluminum material that feels and looks like wood. The product does not pose any of the problems identified with wood including peeling, warping, repainting, and rotting termite attacks.**

Patio canopies also extend beyond the residential market. Systems LLC offers both permanent and temporary or portable models with frames made from aluminum tubing or galvanized steel and fabric covers made from an extensive line of canvas products for businesses and other non-residential users.