How to add some excitement to outdoor entertaining



some fun ideas for entertaining on the balmy days and nights ahead:

 Cool Spread: Host a pot-You can make things more opportunity to sign up for a crisp picture with a projec-

(StatePoint) It's time to take interesting by adding a theme specific item ahead of time so the party outdoors. Here are or challenge. Whether it's to incorporate a specific seasonal ingredient into every It's easy to turn the backyard possibilities are endless. Use some lawn chairs and blanluck in your backyard, set- online tools to help you orga- kets and host a movie night ting up a long picnic table for nize, such as perfectpotluck, outdoors under the stars. You guests to display their dishes. com, which gives guests an can be sure you get a clear,

there are no duplicates.

• Outdoor Movie Night: dish or to only bring dips, the into an outdoor cinema. Grab

The poison ivy rash can be

very uncomfortable. Learn-

ing to identify poison ivy

plants can help people avoid

the rash. GT194818

and off in as fast as five seconds, this mercury-free, energy efficient choice is right for hosts who don't like to make their guests wait.

- Decorate: Your decorations should evoke the spirit of the season. Think garlands, fresh flower centerpieces, paper lanterns and vibrant col-
- Make Music: No party is complete without music. Whether you're hosting a jam session or karaoke night, take advantage of the season by taking the musical fun outdoors. A versatile portable keyboard, such as the CT-X700, can help you get the party started. It comes

tor designed to automatically with the AiX Sound Source, adjust its brightness relative which faithfully reproduces to ambient light. For example, the sound of acoustic instruthe XJ-F210WN, part of Caments such as guitars, wind sio's Advanced Series line of instruments and more, as well projectors, combines a laser as 100 built-in songs, 600 and LED light source and tones and 195 rhythms. It also uses an Intelligent Light Con- includes a class-compliant trol feature to ensure viewers USB-MIDI port that connects get great visuals. Powered on to most devices with no driv-

9mprovement ers or installation needed, making it a good choice for an outdoor set-up.

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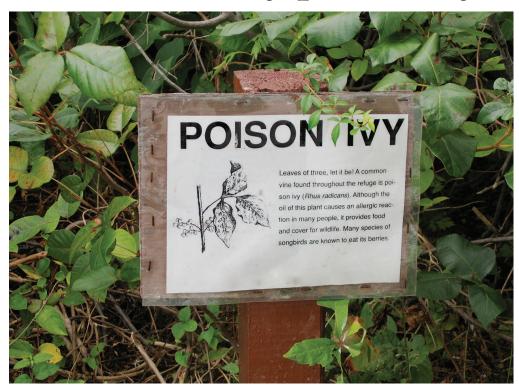
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How to identify poison ivy



late and they've already and Arizona. fortable, itchy red rash that signs of the poison ivy is the plant's hallmark.

According to Poison-Ivy. information about poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac, the rash from poison ivy may first appear as just a slight itchy spot. But worse and can even cover your entire body with giant red sores if left untreated or if it goes undetected for too long. That only highlights the importance of learning more than three leaves. to recognize poison ivy on a property and taking the apvent anyone from coming into contact with it. Is all poison ivy the same?

Many people may be surprised to learn that all poison ivy plants are not one and the same. Poison-Ivy. org notes that there are different types of poison ivy have thorns. in different places, so curious homeowners should visit the site to determine how to identify the type of poison ivy specific to where appear differently dependthey live. Eastern Poison Ivy ing on the season. In spring, grows on the ground, climbs and sometimes appears as a will appear red. As spring shrub. And despite its name, turns into summer, the Eastern Poison Ivy grows leaves will gradually appear

Poison ivy is an unwel- from the east coast to the more green. Come fall, the come guest on many prop- midwest, affecting people in green leaves will look as if erties. Unfortunately, many middle American states like they were brushed with red, people don't recognize the Kansas and Nebraska. East- with some leaves featuring presence of poison ivy on ern Poison Ivy also can be patches or spots of red. their property until it's too found in some parts of Texas

plant?

Eastern Poison Ivy is the org, a website providing most widespread poison ivy plant, and these are some of its characteristics. (Note: People who live outside of regions where Eastern Poison Ivy grows can learn that spot will gradually get about the characteristics of plants in their area by visiting www.Poison-Ivy.org).

- · Poison ivy plants always have leaves of three. No poison ivy plants have
- Poison ivy always grow left, then right. That means propriate measures to pre- that the stem/branch of leaves closest to the root of the plant will always lean left. Subsequent stems/ branches of leaves can lean right. Stems/branches of poison ivy leaves are never side by side.
 - Poison ivy plants never
 - The edges of poison ivy leaves are never saw-toothed or scalloped.
 - Poison ivy leaves will Eastern Poison Ivy leaves

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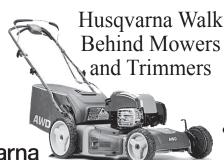
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