

## Feng Shui Balance

# The Fire Element of Summer

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Balance out the fire element by incorporating water features into the back yard, like this waterfall at a Moraga home.

A Feng Shui water feature added to the back left area of your yard will soothe the self. It is essential to balance the dominant seasonal element of fire with the water element, as water overcomes fire. Use water fountains, koi ponds, pools and tubs to incorporate the water element into your homes and gardens. Water elements are especially well placed in the back left area of the yard or patio which is ruled by the wood element, because water creates wood. Water fountains or ponds with koi are not recommended for the Fame and Reputation area (back middle) which again is ruled by fire, because water overcomes fire. Avoid water in the far right area as well, because the earth element is dominant and water also overcomes earth.

Understanding the Fire Element at the level of personal spirit can help us connect to love, laughter and enthusiasm more readily this summer. Enjoy the season!



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