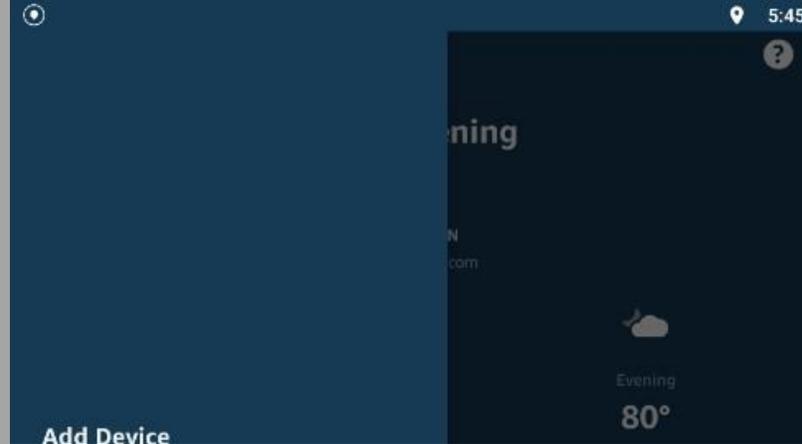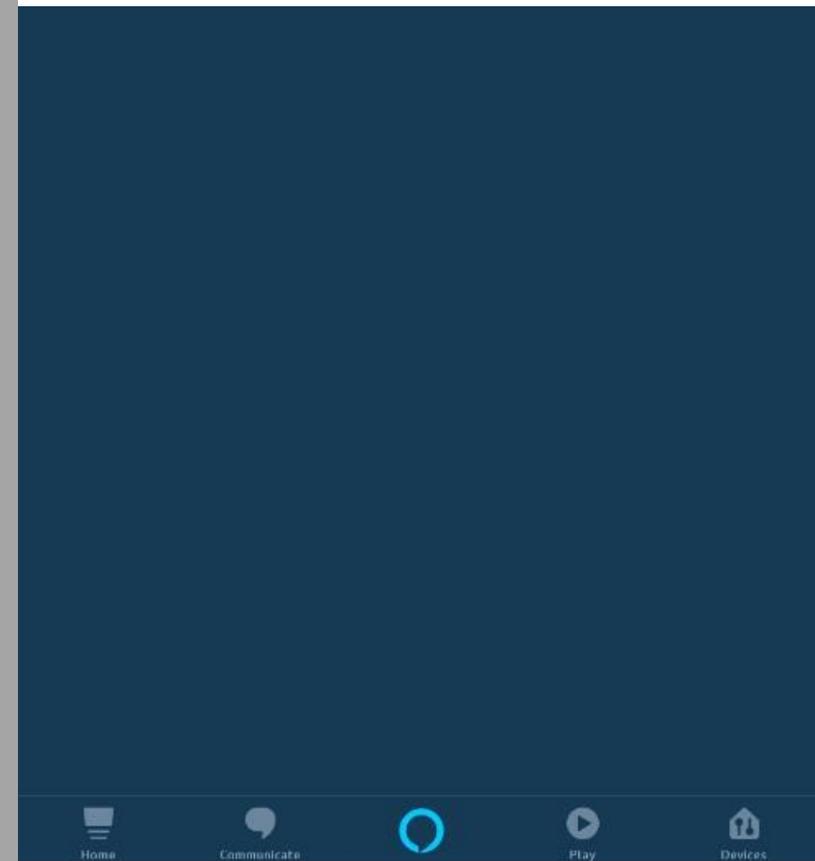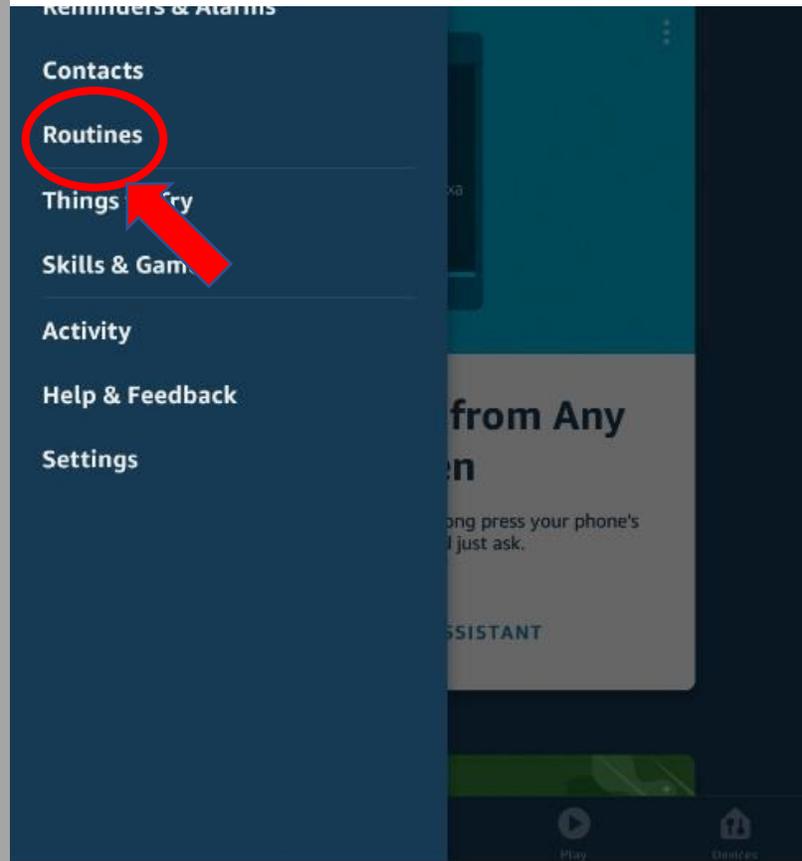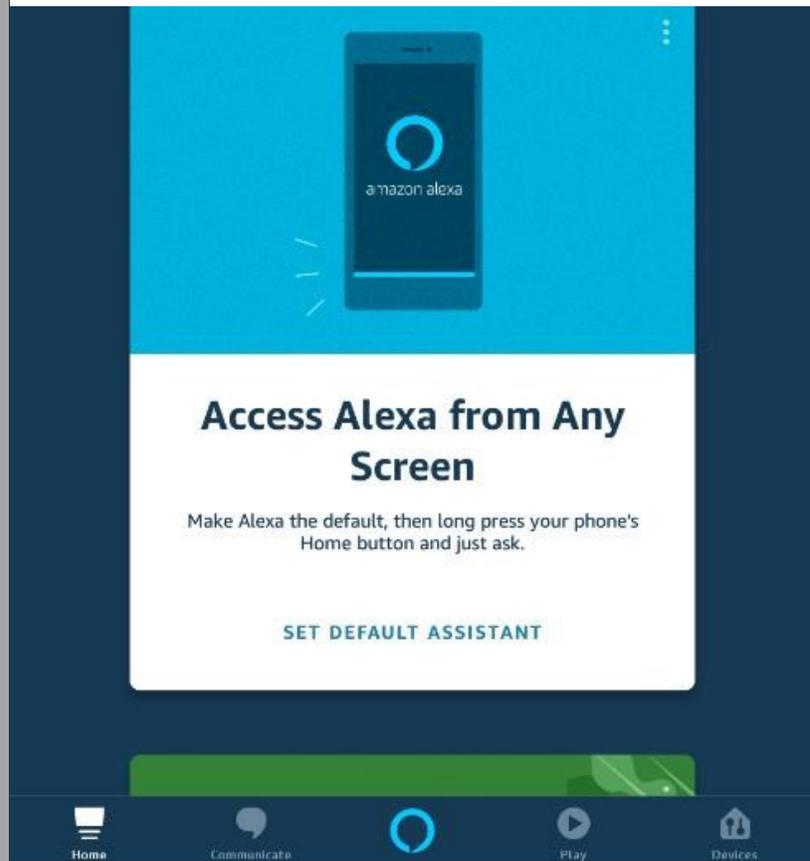Tap the menu button in the upper left to bring out the menu.

Tap "Routines" on the menu that slides out from the left.

Tap the "+" in the upper right to create a new Routine.

When this happens
ex. you say "Alexa, good morning"

Add action
ex. Play weather

Tap the "+" next to "When this happens."

Voice

Schedule

Device

Location

Alarm

Echo Button
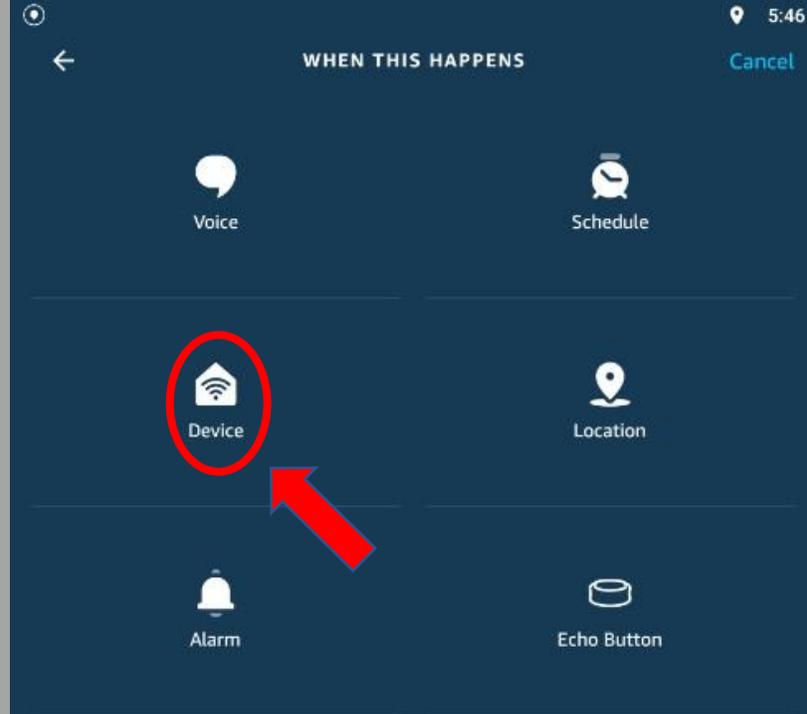
Here's where you get to set what the "trigger" is. If you want to use one of our sensors as a trigger, select "Device".

Back Door

Select the sensor you want to use as a trigger.

Close   Open

When Back Door opens

SAVE

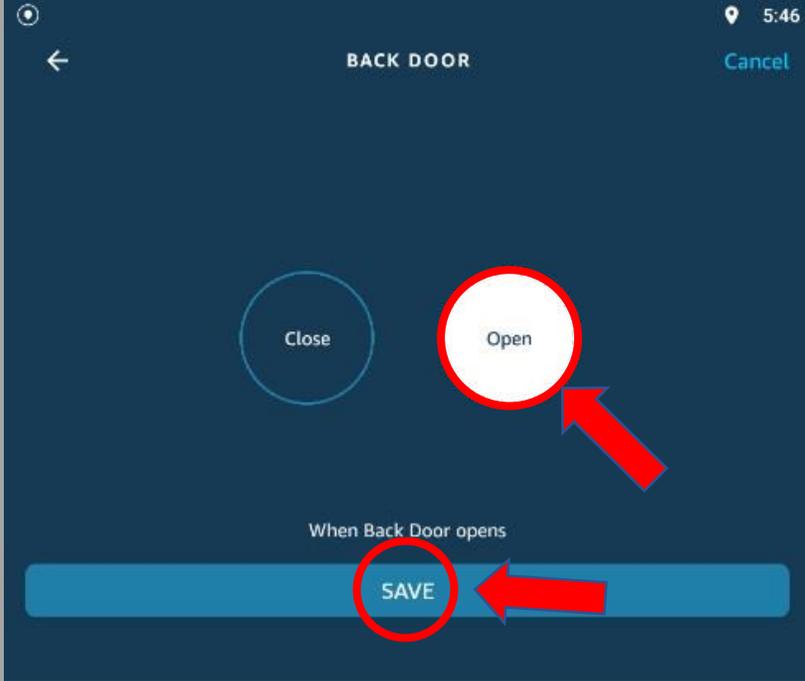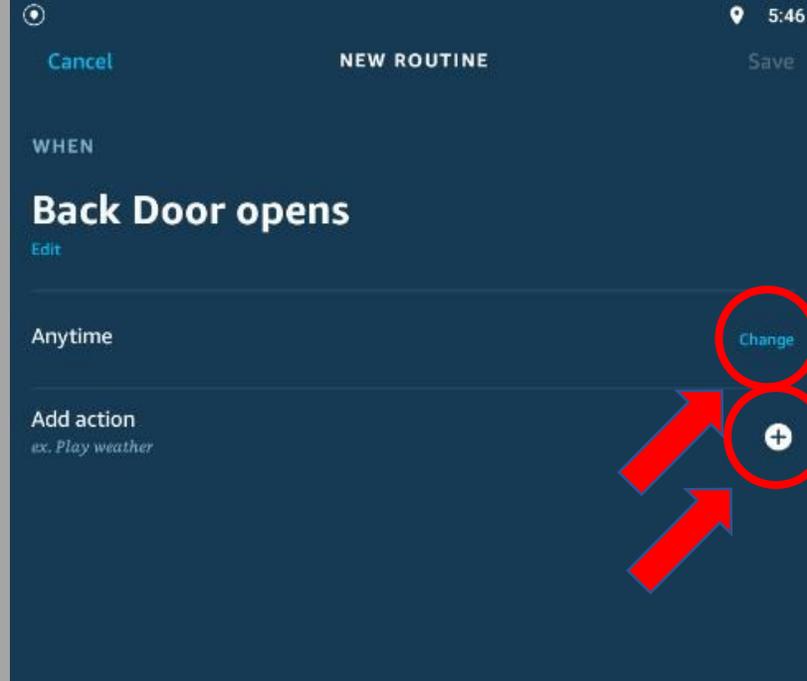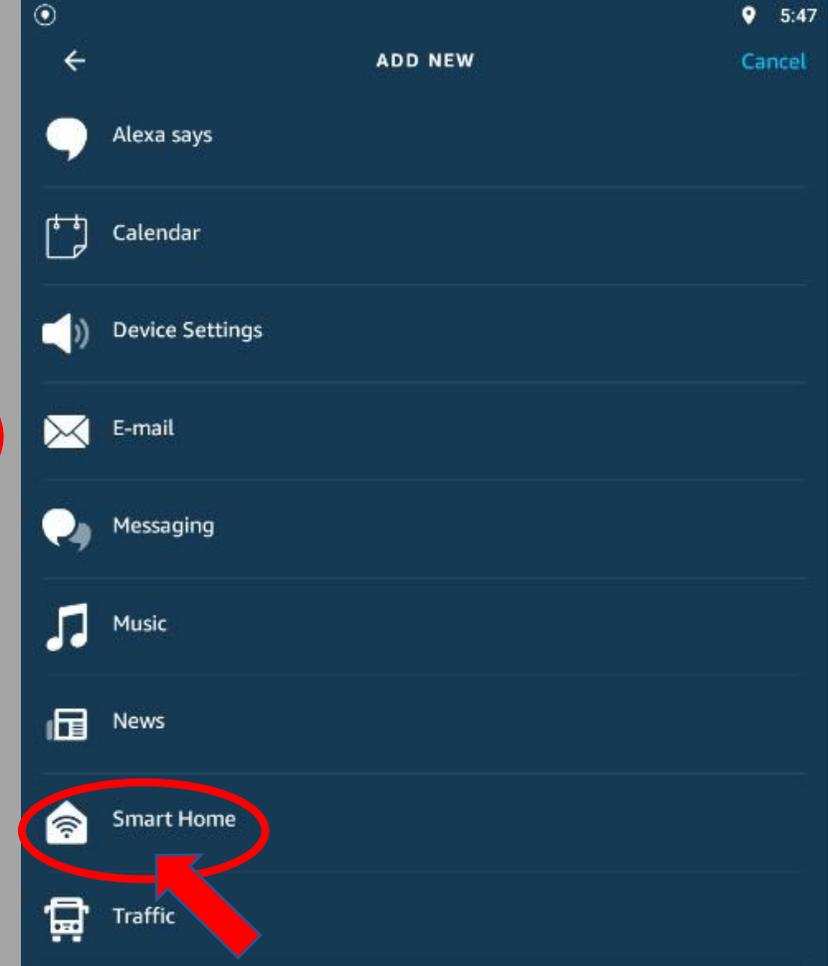You can select if you want the sensor OPENING to be a trigger, or CLOSING. If it's a motion sensor, you can use "MOTION" or "NO MOTION" as a trigger, then tap "SAVE".

WHEN

Back Door opens
Edit

Anytime   Change

Add action   ⊕
ex. Play weather

If you want to have the routine active only during certain times, tap "change" next to "Anytime" to set specific days/times, otherwise tap the + next to "Add Action". This is where you add what's going to happen when the sensor is triggered

💬 Alexa says

📔 Calendar

🔊 Device Settings

✉ E-mail

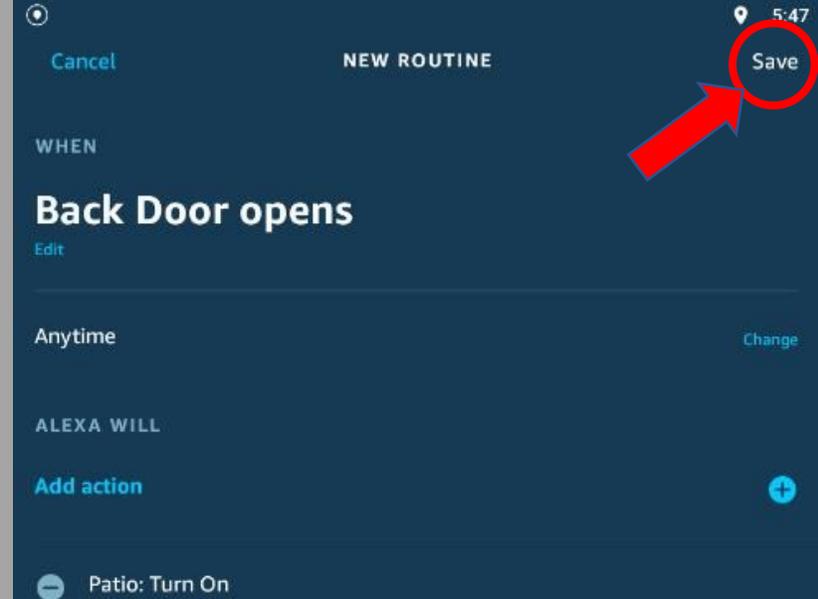💬 Messaging

🎵 Music

📰 News

📶 Smart Home

🚌 Traffic

Scroll down to "Smart Home" if you want a device to have a particular action. In this case, I'm going to have my patio lights turn on when the back door opens. If you want Alexa to announce something, select "Alexa Says". There's a lot of different options.

AVAILABLE

Fan

Flood

office IP100

Office LB1
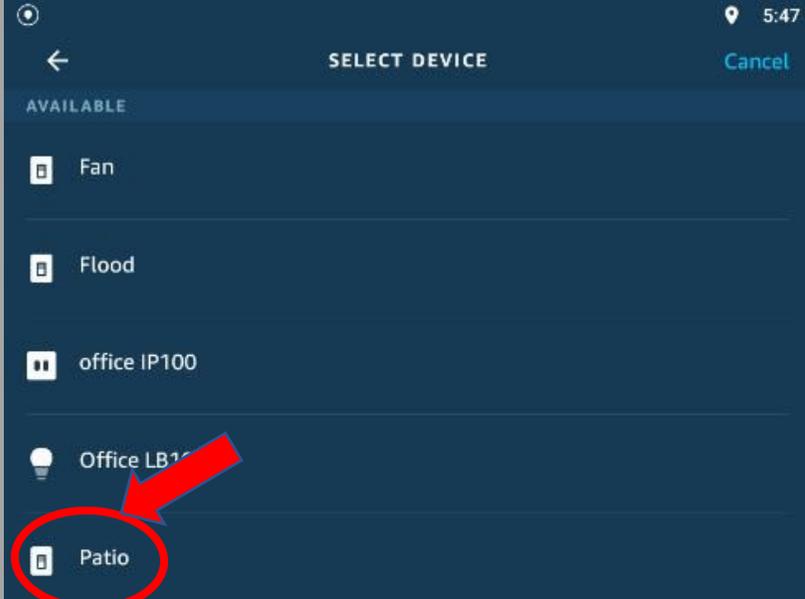
Patio

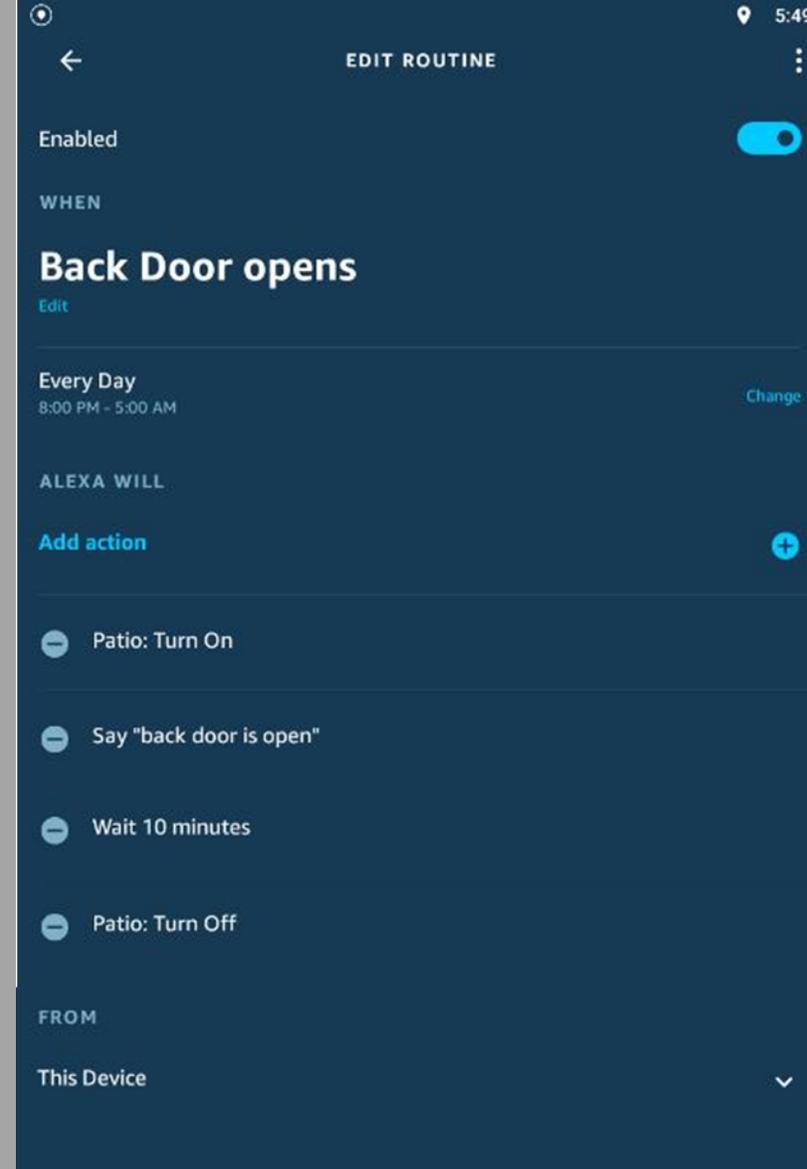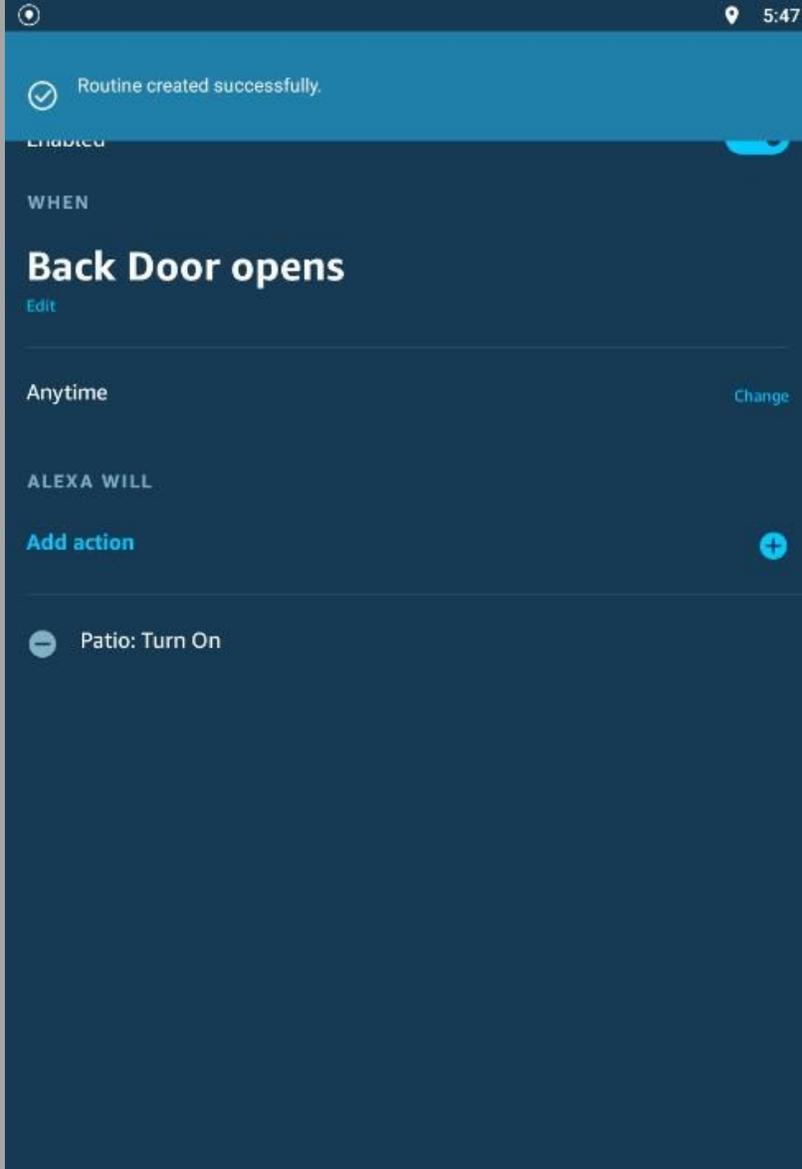Select the device you want to react to the sensor being triggered. I'm selecting my patio lights.

Power

On

Select what you want the action to be when the sensor is triggered, then tap "Next". In this case, I'm just having my patio lights turn on.

WHEN

Back Door opens
Edit

Anytime   Change

ALEXA WILL

Add action

Patio: Turn On

Tap "Save". You can try out your new routine.

Routine created successfully.

Enabled

WHEN

Back Door opens
Edit

Anytime   Change

ALEXA WILL

Add action   ⊕

⊖   Patio: Turn On

←   **EDIT ROUTINE**   ⋮

Enabled   ●

WHEN

Back Door opens
Edit

Every Day   Change
8:00 PM – 5:00 AM

ALEXA WILL

Add action   ⊕

⊖   Patio: Turn On

⊖   Say "back door is open"

⊖   Wait 10 minutes

⊖   Patio: Turn Off

FROM

This Device   ⌄

You can add a lot of different actions to a single routine. The way I've set this up is that when the door is opened, the patio light will turn on, Alexa will announce "Back Door is open," wait 10 minutes, then turn off the light.