



Pool, Spa, Hot Tub...Are You Ready to Take the Plunge?

A pool can offer more entertaining, more fun with your family and more exercise. Check with a landscape designer before heading to the pool store. Why?

Professional landscape designers know which pool contractors do a good job, finish on time and come in under budget. Further, a landscape designer will help you walk through the following questions:

Why Do I Want a Pool, Spa or Hot Tub?

Ask every person in your house why they want a pool, spa or hot tub. Actually write "wish-list" notes, who will use it when, who will each person invite? Does anyone "not" want a pool? Why?

What Will I Use It For?

Do you plan on swimming laps? Is it about function or fun? Do you have visions of entertaining guests in and around your pool? Is it for your children and their friends?

What Type, Size and Shape of Pool Do I Want?

The options are limitless. What shape, size, combination will work with your property and goals? Tear out pictures from magazines, print pictures from the web, ask friends who already have pools what they'd change. If you have unlimited space, the sky is the limit. Smaller sites can work with creativity and custom design. You need an expert opinion on landscaping and hardscaping because the finishing touches are what makes the space enjoyable.

What's My Budget?

There's a pool for nearly every budget but you must ask questions for realistic expectations. Financing a swimming pool project is like any other home addition, and the funds often come from the same sources: home equity accounts or lines of credit, savings, family, etc. As with any home addition, expect it to cost at least 10% over anticipated budget and ask about ways to maximize your return on investment.

Who Will Maintain the Pool?

Heaters, chlorine, bromine, pumps, pool vacuums, test kits - pools take upkeep. Are you up for the time commitment and monthly costs of maintaining your pool? Educate yourself about all that's entailed in maintaining a swimming pool, spa or hot tub.

How Long Will it Take?

Be realistic about the time it will take to build or install your pool, and discuss with potential contractors which months will be optimal for construction.

We know the best pool companies and can handle the project from start to finish for you, let's do it!