

# What Type of Pool is Best for You?

## ABOVE-GROUND POOLS

Above-ground pools are typically the least expensive options for a backyard pool. For those who don't want to make the larger commitment of an in-ground pool, they can still offer a great option for backyard fun.

### *Features:*

- *Inexpensive:* Above-ground pools are an excellent option for families looking for a relatively inexpensive way to create a backyard retreat.
- *Easy to install:* You can be relaxing and enjoying your pool in a matter of days, rather than weeks!
- *Portable:* They are not permanent. If you move, you can take your pool with you, give it to a friend or even sell it. Or it can stay for the next owner of your home to enjoy.
- *Variety:* Above-grounds come in several sizes and shapes, and a variety of decorative wall patterns and decking options.



## INGROUND POOLS

In-ground pools are more expensive than above-ground, but they are also a permanent home improvement. They add aesthetic, as well as intrinsic, value to your home. And when it comes time to sell your house, an in-ground pool is generally more appealing to potential buyers.

### Fiberglass Pools

A fiberglass pool is factory-manufactured and then delivered and installed in one piece in your backyard after your excavation is completed.

### *Features:*

- *Price:* Fiberglass pools are generally more expensive to purchase than concrete in-ground pools, but can save you money over the life of the pool because they typically will require fewer chemicals than other in-ground pools. You also avoid future replastering and liner replacement costs.

- *Maintenance:* Unlike a plaster finish, a fiberglass shell does not change the chemistry of the water, so you often will use less acid.
- *Installation:* Once your yard has been excavated, the pool is delivered in one piece and installed. Construction time is generally about two weeks.

### Steel Wall/Vinyl-Liner Pools

A vinyl-liner pool is furnished to the installer in kit form. After excavation, the steel wall panels are bolted or fastened together and supported at the bottom by a concrete footing. The vinyl liner is spread over the interior of the pool and covers the excavated floor and paneled walls. It is connected to the top of the panel walls by a vinyl rib at the outside edge of the liner. Construction time for vinyl-liner pools is typically one to three weeks.

#### *Features:*

- *Price:*
- *Weather:* Vinyl-liner pools are popular in cold-weather areas of the country. These pools can be easily winterized by draining them down and covering them until the spring.
- *Smooth Surface:* The vinyl liner is smooth and nonporous, making stain removal easy if stains are treated promptly.