

Top 10 Myths of Owning A Pool

1. "It costs too much."

The purchase of a pool is most likely easier than you think. There are many reasonable options for purchasing a pool. The type of pool, materials, accessories, and landscaping you choose will determine the cost of the project. You should also remember that your pool will help reduce other expenses, such as the cost of vacations, member dues to community or country club pools and other recreational activities.

2. "My yard will be ruined and workmen will always be around."

A complete understanding of the building process will provide realistic expectations for the completion schedule of your pool. Many pools are completed in only a few months. However, unforeseen factors such as the weather or permit delays can affect the completion schedule. A good builder will communicate changes in the project schedule as soon as possible.

3. "I don't have the time to maintain a pool."

You can always hire a professional service to maintain your pool, but with today's inexpensive technology you can get the same great results in very little time. In fact, maintaining your pool is easier than your car or your lawn!

4. "My electric bill will sky-rocket if I own a pool."

Utility bills vary depending on the area in which you live and who your provider is, but average estimates show that utility bills only increase between \$30 and \$50 each month. However, your savings from money you might otherwise spend on entertainment, vacations, and trips to the community pool, including the expense of gasoline, food, and concessions, would more than outweigh the slight increase in your electric bill.

5. "What about the increased risks of accidents and drowning occurring at my pool?"

While vigilant adult supervision is always the best way to maintain a safe pool, fences, pool covers, gates and pool alarms offer additional layers of protection to enhance safety. Some experts believe that having a pool actually saves untold lives because children who learn to swim at a very early age are less likely to drown in an emergency situation later in life.

6. "Will there be an increase in my homeowners insurance and liability?"

Homeowners should always check with their current insurance brokers and shop around for the best coverage available. You should also contract with a reputable builder, carefully read safety materials, closely follow safety equipment instructions, and ensure that there is constant adult supervision of the pool at all times.

7. "Pools need to be repaired constantly."

You should research a builder's work and ask questions about the longevity of the pool types you or they are considering. Proper cleaning and maintenance prevent the need for unscheduled repairs, and some companies may even offer a lifetime guarantee for pools they install.

8. "I'm afraid of getting taken by a dishonest pool builder."

Like any building project, you should always check a builder's credentials, ask for references and view samples of completed work.

9. "A pool is a big investment and I'm won't be able to obtain financing."

Homeowners can finance a pool with a long term mortgage. Additionally, in store financing and other available financing options, including loan terms and current interest rates can be explained by a professional pool builder to help you find a manageable monthly payment plan.

10. "I've heard pools detract from the resale value of a home."

Just another myth. Banks and other loan companies often look favorably upon swimming pool financing, considering it a "home improvement" that will increase both the current and resale value of the home.