

pool buying guide

aboveground pool basics and
what to know when buying a
new pool.

JUSTADDPOOL

everything aboveground pools

only aboveground pools

simply put aboveground pools



ABOVEGROUND POOL BUYING

Only buy from a site you know.
The sooner you buy, the cheaper it will be.
Use a credit card or PayPal for added insurance.
If it is too good to be true, it is.
Currently, It is easier to find a scam than a pool.



The top opens where chlorine tablets sit inside. Leave it in the water to float and slowly dispense chlorine.



POOL MEASUREMENTS

ROUND POOLS
DIAMETER $\times$ HEIGHT/DEPTH
(feet/meters) (inches/cm)

SQUARE/RECTANGULAR POOLS
LENGTH $\times$ WIDTH $\times$ HEIGHT/DEPTH
(feet/meters) (feet/meters) (inches/cm)

Bestway
INTEX
SUMMER WAVES
ABOVE GROUND POOLS

Coleman

doughboy

Namco

Splash
SUPERPOOLS

SHARKLINE



TEST STRIPS

Testing tells you how much chlorine (and other levels) are in the water. This is how you know if you have enough or too much.



SKIMMER

Attaches to side of pool with hose to pump that uses suction to skim debris off top of water.

CARTRIDGE PUMPS

TYPES OF FILTERS:
Cartridges

SAND PUMPS

TYPES OF FILTERS:
Sand, Glass, Filter Balls

Instead of adding chlorine in tablet or liquid form, a saltwater generator (SWG) converts salt to chlorine.

SWG can be used with a cartridge filter system or sand filter system.

SALT WATER POOLS





how much does it cost to maintain an above ground pool?

POOL 15 X 48 ROUND	\$500	one time purchase	bestway
PUMP	included	one time purchase	
LEVELING/EQUIPMENT	\$50	one time purchase	(rake, shovel, level, tiller)
TARP	\$10	one time purchase	
FOAM MATS	\$75	one time purchase	
FILTER CARTRIDGE	\$21	per season	6 pk or \$30 sand
FILL	100	one time purchase	
USAGE/IN SEASON	\$50	per season	
VACUUM (ESSENTIAL)	\$65	one time purchase	Intex rechargeable
VACUUM FILTER SOCKS	\$10	per season	
SKIMMER	\$30	one time purchase	
TEST STRIPS	\$15	per season	
CHLORINE TABLETS	\$55	per season	one pound of 1" kemtek
CLEAR BALANCE TABLETS	\$24	per season	
POOL NET WITH POLE	\$25	one time purchase	
5' HOSE	\$15	one time purchase	
ADAPTER	\$12	one time purchase	
BORAX	\$2	per season	
BLEACH	\$5	per season	
POOL SHOCK	\$72	per season	6-pack drytec cal hypo
DRY ACID	\$28	per season	leslies 2-pounds
FOOT BATH	\$15	one time purchase	
WINTER COVER	\$75	one time purchase	
ALGAECIDE	\$28	per season	Winterizing algaecide
WINTER WRAP	\$20	one time purchase	
LANDSCAPE	\$90	one time purchase	rubber mulch around pool
ATTACHABLE SIDE TABLE	\$35	one time purchase	
BUG SPRAY	\$20	per season	
FLOATER	\$12	one time purchase	
POOL THERMOMETER	\$10	one time purchase	

TOTAL \$1,469.00

ONE TIME PURCHASE \$1,139.00

PER SEASON \$330.00

ABOVEGROUND POOLS

STYLES & SHAPES



INFLATABLE/RING-TOP

Easiest Set-Up, Top inflates to help hold up sides. Affordable & Numerous size options, Sturdy yet light enough for one person to put together. Besides leveling ground, by far the easiest to assemble.



METAL FRAME

Requires Assembly, Metal Frame must be assembled. The liner slides on frame and holds it up, Affordable & Numerous size options, Poles can sink if ground is soft, so use pavers under feet to prevent sinking.



RESIN/ROLLED STEEL

Professional Install or Kit. These can come in kits or by professional installations. Designed for longer life of the pool. More expensive, but more permanent option.

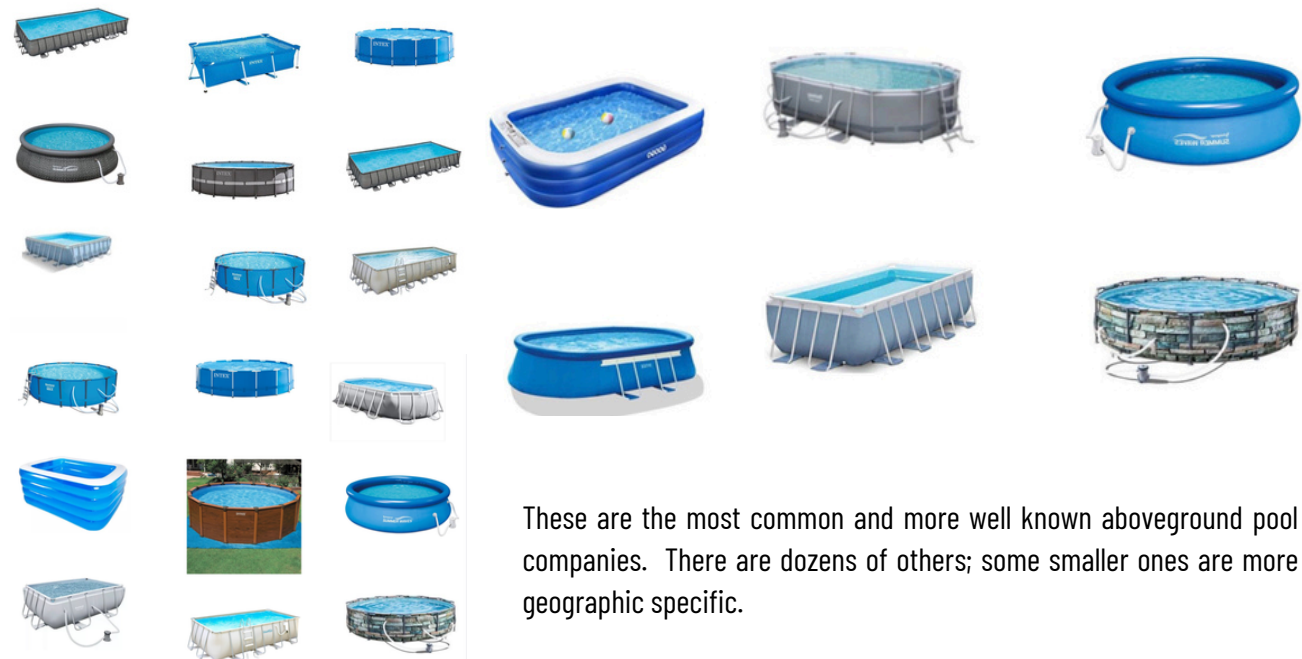
THINGS TO CONSIDER

BUDGET
SUNLIGHT
LANDSCAPE

DECK
TREES
NEARBY OUTLET

MUNICIPAL REQUIREMENTS
WATER SPIGOT LOCATION

SHAPE
SIZE
SAFETY



These are the most common and more well known aboveground pool companies. There are dozens of others; some smaller ones are more geographic specific.

POOL SIZING

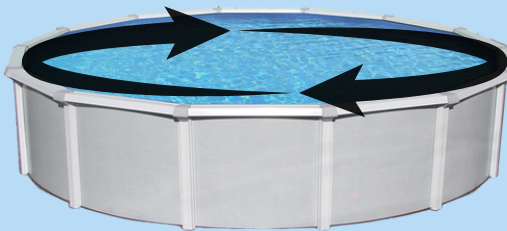
HOW POOLS ARE MEASURED

CIRCULAR POOLS:

DIAMETER X HEIGHT (DEPTH)

(feet/cm)

(inches/cm)



15 X 48

15 feet around
48 inches deep (height)

SQUARE/RECTANGLE POOLS:

LENGTH X WIDTH X HEIGHT (DEPTH)

(feet/cm)

(feet/cm)

(inches/cm)



13 x 6 x 40

13 ft long
6 ft wide
40 in deep (height)

THINGS TO CONSIDER

In addition to types and styles of aboveground pools, there are several other considerations also.

Pools and brands have different colors and textures to change what the pool looks like on the outside.

The higher the pool, the deeper it will be

The bigger the pool, the bigger pump/filtration needs to be

BUDGET

Generally, the least expensive is the inflatable, then the framed pools.

The most expensive is the resin or fiberglass pools.

SUNLIGHT

Is there enough sunlight or too much? Any tall structures blocking light?

Which side does the sun come up and go down?

LANDSCAPE

Are you landscaping around the outside of the pool?

DECK

Are you planning on building a deck?

TREES

Too many trees means lots of leaves in the pools.

Could also mean anything that falls into the pool (colored flowers, seeds) could discolor pool water/filter.

MUNICIPAL REQUIREMENTS

Fence Needed? Is a ladder lock necessary?

NEARBY OUTLET

At least one for the pump. Heater? Rechargeable Vacuum? GFI?

WATER SPIGOT & HOSE LOCATION

Not just to fill but also to top off as water will evaporate from time to time.

Wash off feet before going inside house?

SHAPE & SIZE

How big is area pool is going in? Depth? Who will be in the pool?



COUNTERFEIT-FAKE



**AVOID
SCAMS**

ACTUAL PRODUCT



Be aware of replicas. These may be great pools in a time when ANY pool is hard to come by, but they will not have a warranty and there is no guarantee they will even hold water.

IS THE WEBSITE LEGITIMATE?

Have you purchase from this website before?
Can you pay with paypal?
How did you find the website?
Search Social media.
Look up the website on scamdoc.com or whois.net

IS THE PRODUCT REAL OR COUNTERFEIT

Compare the package to others.
Is the item number on it?
Are the colors the same?
Is the company logo the same?
Google the product/package image to compare.



ASK

WHAT SIZE IS IT/HOW MANY GALLONS?

IS A LADDER INCLUDED?

DOES IT COME WITH A PUMP?

WHAT IS THE POOL WARRANTY?

WHAT IS THE PUMP WARRANTY?

WHERE DO I TAKE IT IF I NEED TO RETURN IT?

CAN YOU PAY WITH PAYPAL OR CREDIT CARD?

VERIFY THE SITE WITH SOMEONE ELSE!



COMMON NAMES FOR ABOVEGROUND POOLS:

Intex Pool

Backyard Pool

Framed Pool

Soft-Sided Pool

Vinyl Pool

Temporary Pool

FRAME POOL Metal poles assemble to make pool frame. Frame hold up vinyl liner.

RING POOL The top has a ring of air that hold up the vinyl liner when filled.

PUMP Moves the water.

FLOATER Chlorine dispenser, floats on water with chlorine tablets inside.

FILTER Cleans the water.

CHLORINE Sanitizes the water.

LEVEL The ground where pool is set-up must be flat and level.

SKIMMER Skims debris off top of water.

TEST STRIPS Testing tells you how much chlorine, pH, etc. is in water.

SHOCK High concentration chlorine to super sanitize the water.

CARTRIDGE FILTER Paper cartridge that is inside pump.

SAND FITLER Uses sand and pressure to filter out dirt/debris.

BACKWASHING Only for sand filters. Cleans the sand by reversing the water flow.

PPM Parts Per Million Amount of a chemical in the water.

RUN TIME How long you run the pump to keep water clean.

SALT POOL Salt Water Generator (SWG) converts salt to chlorine (instead of chlorine tablets). DOES NOT REPLACE THE PUMP/FILTER.

POOL SIZES & VOLUMES

TYPE	SIZE		GALLONS	LITERS
EASYSET	15' x 33"	4457cm x 84cm	22,587	99,792
EASYSET	15' x 36"	457cm x 91cm	2,822	10,681
EASYSET	15' x 42"	457cm x 107cm	3,284	12,430
EASYSET	15' x 48"	457cm x 122cm	3,736	14,141
EASYSET	16' x 42"	488cm x 107cm	3,754	14,209
EASYSET	16' x 48"	488cm x 122cm	4,273	16,173
EASYSET	16' x 52"	488cm x 132cm	4,614	17,464
EASYSET	18' x 42"	549cm x 107cm	4,786	18,115
EASYSET	18' x 48"	549cm x 122cm	5,455	20,647
EASYSET	18' x 52"	549cm x 132cm	5,894	22,309
EASYSET	18' x 42"	549cm x 107cm	4,786	18,115
EASYSET	18' x 48"	549cm x 122cm	5,455	20,647
ROUND FRAME	12' x 36"	366cm x 91cm	2,086	7,896
ROUND FRAME	14' x 48"	427cm x 122cm	3,861	14,614
ROUND FRAME	15' x 36"	457cm x 91cm	3,282	12,422
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ROUND FRAME	15' x 42"	457cm x 107cm	3,861	14,614
ROUND FRAME	15' x 48"	457cm x 122cm	4,440	16,805
ROUND FRAME	16' x 48"	488cm x 122cm	5,061	19,156
ROUND FRAME	18' x 48"	549cm x 122cm	6,423	24,311
ROUND FRAME	18' x 52"	549cm x 132cm	6,981	26,423
ROUND FRAME	20' x 48"	610cm x 122cm	7,947	30,079
ROUND FRAME	21' x 52"	840cm x 132cm	9,533	36,082
ROUND FRAME	22' x 52"	671cm x 132cm	10,472	39,637
ROUND FRAME	24' x 52"	732cm x 132cm	12,481	47,241
ROUND FRAME	26' x 52"	792cm x 132cm	14,667	55,515
OVAL FRAME	10' x 18' x 42"	305cm x 549cm x 107cm	2,885	10,920
OVAL FRAME	12' x 20' x 48"	366cm x 610cm x 122cm	4,393	16,628
OVAL FRAME	20' x 12' x 48"	610cm x 386cm x 122cm	4,393	16,628
OVAL FRAME	24' x 12' x 48"	732cm x 366cm x 122cm	5,407	20,465
OVAL FRAME	28' x 12' x 48"	853cm x 366cm x 122cm	6,420	24,300
RECTANGLE FRAME	9' x 15' x 48"	274cm x 457cm x 122cm	3,484	13,187
RECTANGLE FRAME	9' x 18' x 52"	274cm x 548cm x 132cm	4,545	17,203
RECTANGLE FRAME	10' x 20' x 52"	305cm x 810cm x 132cm	5,835	22,085
RECTANGLE FRAME	12' x 24' x 52"	366cm x 732cm x 132cm	8,403	31,805
RECTANGLE FRAME	16' x 32' x 52"	488cm x 975cm x 132cm	14,364	54,368
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PUMPS & FILTERS

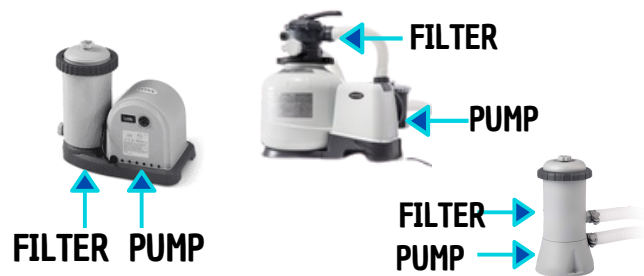
**PUMPS
MOVE
WATER**

**FILTERS
CLEAN
WATER**

Most new pools that come with pumps, come with an **ALL IN ONE**



ALL IN ONE/COMBO
has both Pump & Filter



PARTS OF A SAND PUMP



When buying a sand filter pump, verify it includes **pump, valve and tank**.

Salt Water Generators (SWG) still require a pump and filter. While there are a couple that are all in one, most of the time, they are sold separately.





**FILTERS
GET
DIRT**

**CHLORINE
GETS
GERMS**





POOLS & PUMPS

have

**SEPARATE
MANUALS
&
SEPARATE
WARRANTIES**

POOL ADAPTERS



PUMP HOSE ADAPTERS

Attach something to pump hose (pump hoses usually have a threaded collar on end).



STRAINER ADAPTERS

Attach to strainer connector inside pool (usually require unscrewing strainer off connector).



POOL INLET ADAPTERS

Attach to inlet hole of pool (inside or outside).

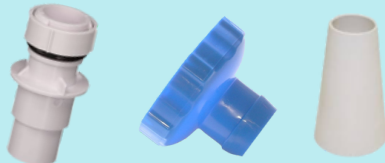
does it
FIT?

does it
WORK?



HOSE ADAPTERS

Attach something to end of hose (pump, vacuum etc.).



SKIMMER ADAPTERS

Attach hose to pool skimmer.



PUMP/SKIMMER ADAPTERS

Attach something to pump /skimmer to attach a hose.

UNIVERSAL ADAPTERS

Fit & connect to numerous sizes and attach to various fittings.





NEW POOL LIST

MUST-HAVES *to keep pool clean*

CHLORINE TABLETS Chlorine keeps water clean.

CHLORINE FLOATER Dispenses chlorine to water.

6-WAY TEST STRIPS Tell you how much chlorine you need.

FILTER Filters get small debris out of water.

VACUUM Get the dirt filters cannot get.

POOL SUPPLY LIST

NEW POOL ESSENTIALS

CHEMICALS

- _____ Chlorine tablets
- _____ Shock
- _____ Salt (SWG Pool)
- _____ Stabilizer (CYA)
- _____ Dry Acid
- _____ Soda Ash

SAFETY

- _____ Fence
- _____ Safety Alarm
- _____ Safety Lock
- _____ Safety Net
- _____ Ladder Lock

EQUIPMENT

- _____ Adapters
- _____ Air Pump (easysset)
- _____ Backwash hose (sand)
- _____ Chlorine Floater
- _____ Ladder / Steps

CLEANING/TOOLS

- _____ Filter/Sand
- _____ Test Strips
- _____ Pool Vacuum
- _____ Vacuum adapter
- _____ Vacuum Hose
- _____ Debris Net

SET-UP

- _____ Foam Mats/Ground Cloth
- _____ Garden Hose
- _____ Shovel
- _____ Level or Long Board
- _____ Tape Measure
- _____ Pavers (metal frame)

OPTIONAL

- _____ Cover
- _____ Foot Bath
- _____ Lights
- _____ Side Table
- _____ Storage/Organization

ESSENTIAL FOR ALL NEW POOLS

Pump & Filter
Vacuum
Test Strips
Chlorine
Pool net

POOL SUPPLY LIST

EQUIPMENT	ACCESSORIES	CHEMICALS	REPLACEMENT PARTS
☐ Adapters	☐ Storage/Organization	☐ Algae	☐ Drain Adapter
☐ Air Pump	☐ Cover	☐ Cal Hypo Shock	☐ Fittings/Clamps
☐ Backwash hose	☐ Cover Clips	☐ Calcium/Hardness	☐ Flow Meter
☐ Chlorine Floater	☐ Floats	☐ Chlorine/Sanitizer	☐ Gauges
☐ Extension Cord (GFI)	☐ Foot Bath	☐ Clarifier	☐ O-Rings
☐ Solar Cover	☐ Lighting	☐ Dry Acid	☐ Plungers
☐ Heater	☐ Maintenance Kits	☐ pH	☐ Pool Plugs
☐ Hoses	☐ Toys & Games	☐ Phosphate Removal	☐ Vacuum Parts
☐ Ladders & Steps	☐ Pool Mats	☐ Salt	☐ Pump Parts
☐ Skimmer	☐ Side Table	☐ Shock	☐ Skimmer Parts
☐ Skimmer Socks	☐ Umbrella/Canopy	☐ Soda Ash	☐ Valves
☐ SWG		☐ Stain & Scale	
☐ Thermometers	POOL SAFETY	☐ Specialty/Other	SET-UP
☐ Timers	☐ Safety Alarm	☐ Stabilizer (CYA)	☐ Foam Mats
☐ Fountain	☐ Safety Lock		☐ Garden Hose
	☐ Safety Net	WINTERIZE	☐ Ground Cloth
CLEANING/TOOLS	☐ Safety Vest	☐ Drain Adapter	☐ Level
☐ DE	☐ Safety Cover	☐ Enzyme Inhibitor/Pill	☐ Long board
☐ Filter	☐ Fence	☐ Garden hose	☐ Pavers me
☐ Filter Media	☐ Swim Vest	☐ Cover	☐ Sand
☐ Handheld Vacuum	☐ Ladder Lock	☐ Cover Clips	☐ Shovel
☐ Pool Brushes		☐ Pillow	☐ Tape Measure
☐ Pool Rakes		☐ Shock	☐ Tarp
☐ Pool Vacuum		☐ Storage Container	
☐ Test Strips / Kit		☐ Talcum powder	
☐ Vacuum adapter		☐ Towels	
☐ Vacuum Hose		☐ Algaecide polyquat 60	

ESSENTIAL ADD-ONS



Chlorine Floater



Foot Bath



Handheld Rechargeable Vacuum



Filter Balls (sand filters only)



Solar Cover



Heater



Storage Bench



Floating Light Balls



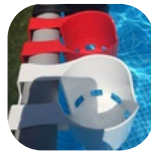
Floating Table



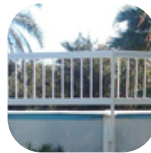
Test Strips



Leaf Net Cover



Cup Holders



Safety Fence



Pool Alarm



Safety Vest



Magnetic Lights



Storage Net



Rubber Path Step Stones