

Types of Swimming Pools

There have been many different types of pools that have come and gone throughout the years, with only a few hanging on for the long term. There are two types of aboveground pools and three types of in-ground pools that are still being built today. Each has its advantages and disadvantages, which should be considered before making your final decision. The quality of workmanship and materials will also vary within the following types of pools.

Aboveground Pools with Aluminum Walls

Aboveground pools are most often constructed with aluminum frames with a vinyl liner stretched over the top. Traditionally aboveground pools are round, but can also be oval or rectangular.

Aboveground pools can offer many advantages such as, little or no excavation is required because the pool sits on top of the ground and fairly quick install and removal. Aboveground pools are typically shallow and have a consistent depth of 4 feet. Perhaps the primary advantage of an aboveground pool is its price. Aboveground pools can range from just a few hundred dollars, to thousands of dollars, depending on the size, quality, type of filtration, and if installation is included.

Aboveground Pools with Inflatable Walls

Inflatable aboveground pools have been gaining in popularity over the past few years. We usually think of inflatable pools as being very small and made just for children, but this is no longer the case. Larger inflatable pools are now being created with thicker and higher quality materials. Just like aluminum lined above ground pools, the inflatable pools can be round, oval, or rectangular. Inflatable pools are the quickest and easiest to install, but can be ruined quickly if punctured or damaged.

In-Ground Vinyl-Lined Pools Vinyl-lined pools are similar in construction to aboveground pools with aluminum walls, but they are installed in the ground. They are a less expensive, but an attractive alternative to a concrete pool. Cosmetically speaking, you will have a difficult time telling the difference between a properly installed vinyl-lined pool and a concrete pool. Although vinyl-lined pools are durable, the vinyl liner will not last forever. The liner will need to be replaced every 5-10 years, depending on wear and water chemistry. Unbalanced water chemistry, sunlight, and punctures in the vinyl liner can adversely affect the life of the liner. A vinyl-lined pool is typically the least expensive type of in-ground pool and used to be very popular among the Denton area. Many of these vinyl pools were built in the 70's and 80's by Blue Dolphin and Pools Plus.

In-Ground Fiberglass Pools

Fiberglass pools tend to fall between vinyl-lined and concrete pools in terms of price. These pools are typically prefabricated and then delivered to the site. Fiberglass pools are somewhat limited in size and shape. Historically, they have not been very popular in the Denton area, but have gained in popularity in recent years

In-Ground Concrete Pools

The major advantages of a concrete pools, also known as Gunite, are permanent, durability, and flexibility in terms of design. These pools are reinforced with steel rods to withstand the pressures of soil and water. Although, many types of pools can be installed in days, concrete pools will take 3-8 weeks, depending on size, shape, and materials used. A drawback of in-ground concrete pool is its price. It is the most expensive type of pool, but is also the most common type of pool in the Denton area.

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