

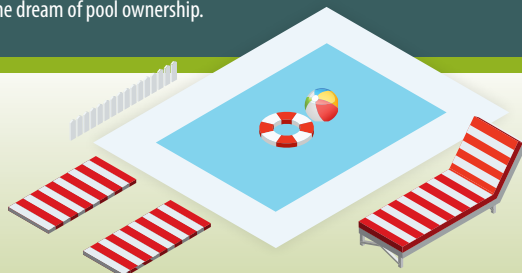
DREAM POOL ON A DIME

Does the thought of packing up the swimsuits, water wings, sunscreen, towels, change of clothes and loading the kids in the car to drive to the local pool or beach make you want to find an alternative to beating the heat? Wouldn't it be nice to skip all of that hassle, open the back door and enjoy your own backyard paradise?

Many people think that pool ownership is out of their reach. But what they don't realize is that the cost of pool ownership is more affordable than ever. Here are a few ways to help reduce the initial cost while still achieving the dream of pool ownership.

• Scale Down

Remember: bigger is not always better. It is possible to scale down the size of your pool without sacrificing its purpose – whether it's **relaxation**, **parties**, etc. Consider making the pool smaller in scale, which will incur less material, construction costs, and ultimately maintenance.



• Features are Worth the Wait

Hold off on added features (slides, fountains, spillover waterfalls, etc.) to keep your initial costs lower. Be sure to coordinate with your builder to plumb for these features for the future as you add them over time. By waiting, you may also be able to gauge how much you would use a heater to help you decide which one is right for you.



Take a *Vacation* in your backyard

• Start Small

If you want to save money initially, add a small pool decking and landscaping area that you can add to over time. Features you can add later include lighting, pavers, outdoor kitchens, and fireplaces.



• Consider an Above Ground

If you want low costs AND all of the added features, consider everything an above ground pool can offer. Not only are large sizes available, but they can be installed and swim-ready within two days.

Remember: proper planning is the key to your dream backyard. Use these tips to help steer you in the right direction when planning your budget friendly swimming pool.

