



Countrywide
Pools

POOL BUYERS
GUIDE 



The ultimate guide to buying a fibreglass swimming pool

So, you and your family have decided to invest in a swimming pool and your thinking "where do we go from here?". Or perhaps you are still on the fence and would like to find out more info before you take the plunge! Countrywide Pools are here to help.

In the early days of the decision process, it is a good idea to list the reasons why you are considering buying a pool. These reasons will help to make some more detailed decisions easier later.

There are endless reasons to want a pool. Here are some of the benefits you will get by buying a pool from Countrywide Pools:



Children

Never worry about where your children are, watch them develop their swimming skills, see them spend hours in the pool instead of on the couch, laughter, games, friends and great family time come from having a pool.



Enjoy rest and recreation on your doorstep

If you need some rest and relaxation in your life, then laying pool side is the ultimate way to relax. Take a dip in the cool, refreshing water or have a drink by the pool after a hard day at work. Close your eyes and imagine just how good it will be.





Exercise

One of the most obvious benefits of swimming pools is the potential for exercise that they offer. If you're sick of pounding the pavement or heading to the gym in the Australian heat, then swimming laps is a great alternative. If you are looking for a more slow-paced option, consider simply walking from one end to the other - the water provides added resistance, making it harder than simply walking along the footpath.



Entertaining

We live in a digital world and sometimes it can be hard to unplug ourselves from phones, laptops or iPads. Getting together with friends and family around the pool to socialize has been shown to have great health and mental health benefits.



ROI

If you're planning on selling your home and you want your property to stand out from the crowd, then a pool might be the ideal way to attract potential buyers! Speak with your local estate agent to learn more about the benefits that you can expect to see by having a pool on the property.

FAQ's



How much will a fibreglass pool cost?

Obviously, the price will be a big factor when it comes to deciding, but there are many factors that will influence the price of your swimming pool.

An entry level price for the purchase and installation of a fibreglass swimming pool typically sits between \$25-\$45k and that price could range upwards of \$65k from there.

You're right in thinking that that is a massive variation, but consider perhaps the purchase of a family car and the variation that can be associated with those costs. There are many variables when it comes to purchasing a pool such as:

- Access to site
- Soil conditions
- Size & Shape of the chosen pool
- Additional features you may choose to enhance the look of your pool area
- The quality of the pool and pool equipment you choose.



What size pool do I need?

Go back to the start of this guide and revisit your reasons for purchasing a pool. Different needs mean different size requirements or recommendations.



If you have a large, young family and the pool will be used often, then you may want to go for a more sizeable pool that can accommodate everyone without feeling like sardines! You definitely do not want the children jumping on top of each other. Bigger is better for a minimal cost increase, especially if you have the room.

Or maybe you want to use the pool for exercise and you will be doing laps often. Then the length of the pool will be more important to you.

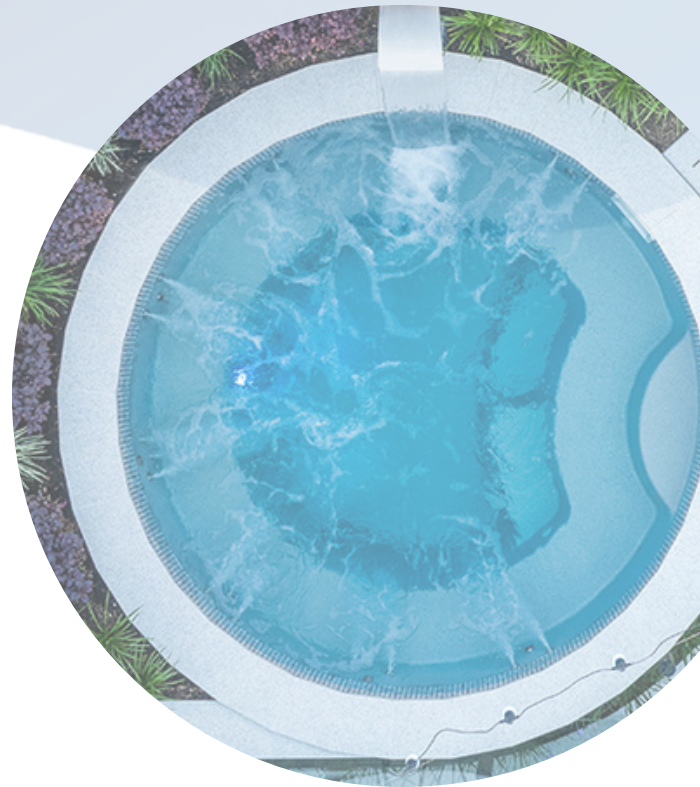
Perhaps there are only two of you that will ever be in the pool at one time. You won't require as much space if you only plan on using it to cool down in summer.

Nonetheless, you certainly don't want to install your pool and decide after that it wasn't big enough. It's a good idea to mark out the pool you are considering in the area you would like the pool to go with tape or spray paint. This will give you an idea if it is big enough.



What pool style and colour should I choose?

Choosing a pool style and colour is a hard but very important decision and is completely personal. Countrywide Pools can guide you based on your initial requirements and it is important to remember that these elements will really set the mood in your outdoor area.



You are not limited when it comes to choices, there are a variety of different styles and colours available. Some popular styles are:

- Contemporary Square - The square edges of this modern and sophisticated style are all about straight lines and minimalistic features. Current trends make this our most popular shape sold.
- Grand Entry Style - These typically feature shallow end entry steps which allow for greater choice of pool position and provide the perfect spot for relaxation.
- Lagoon style - The curved lagoon style gives a resort type feel. These usually have a waterfall feature to give off visual and acoustic ambiance.

When choosing a style, here are some things you may want to consider:

- Square or straight edge pools are easier to pave
- You can choose additional water & light features to enhance the look of the pool
- What landscaping look and feel are you aiming for?
- What will be surrounding the pool? (think falling leaves, sand, dust etc.)



When it comes to choosing a pool colour, we highly recommend you ask Countrywide Pools to show you some pools they have completed in the colours you like. A photo is never accurate, and a small sample colour square just won't give you the full picture - especially as the colour can change drastically once the water is in the pool.

Deciding is much easier when you have seen a pool with all the landscaping completed. It will be hard to get an idea of what your pool will look like from a work site that is still in progress.



Do I need Shire approval?

Yes, generally a building permit is required under the Building Act 2011 to construct or install a swimming pool or spa pool and its associated safety barrier. Although, there are some exceptions, mainly based on localities. A reputable pool company will take care of all shire approvals on your behalf. They will have the knowledge and experience to obtain your swimming pool building permit hassle free. The building permit will have to include the safety barrier, but be sure to check your pool quote to see if this is included in your pool builders scope of works. Typically, the barrier is completed by your chosen landscaper.



What is the actual process of building a pool?

The process is straightforward and lead time from start to the finish of install can be as little as 2-3 days, but typically can take up to a week.

Step 1 - Building Approval/SPASA Contract

We will process all paperwork and documents and submit building applications to the Shire for approval on your behalf. We will also prepare your SPASA Contract (your Completion Guarantee)

Step 2 - Dig & Prep

We will come to your property and peg out where the pool will go and the hole will be dug with an excavator. We then screed and prep the whole for pool install

Step 3 - Install

We will transport the pool from Perth and use a crane to carefully lower your pool into the hole. It is then checked to ensure it is perfectly level.

Step 3 - Backfill & Water

We then backfill around your pool. Countrywide Pools choose to use Stabilised Backfill which is a mix of Cracker Dust and Cement. There are many benefits of using this method but the main one is that it offers improved subgrade stability and reduces the potential for your paving or even pool to subside.



We fill with water at the same time to ensure that there are no issues with the pool shell cracking or bowing due to either the pressure of the cement on the outside or water on the inside. This combination of backfilling and water filling creates a more stable environment.

Step 4 - Plumbing of filtration equipment

Our pool technician will install and plumb your filtration equipment. They will also do a final clean and water balance as well as go over a full handover with you to make sure you are happy with how your new equipment works.

Step 4 - Your pool is complete!

It is now time for you to jump in and enjoy your new investment!



Choosing a Pool Builder/Installer

As a general rule, every major pool manufacturer will have a pool dealer representing their brand in your area. For example, Countrywide Pools cover the greater Wheatbelt region from Northam to Geraldton, Gidgegannup to Southern Cross, Beverley to Esperance and all points in between as a dealer for Aqua Technics, Buccaneer Pools & Sapphire Pools.

The company that install your pool will have a large impact on your overall satisfaction and future enjoyment of your pool. So, time to do some homework on your pool installer and make sure you are using an honest and reliable company that is also skilled and insured.

Here are some questions you could ask to help make an informed decision when choosing a pool installer:



What warranty do you offer?

At Countrywide Pools, all our pools include an extended lifetime structural warranty. We also include a 12 month warranty on all pool installs.





Ask for some testimonials

See what others have to say about the company in question. Google & Facebook reviews are a great way to get an idea how others have found dealing with this business.



Are the effective communicators?

It is vital that your pool installer communicates with you throughout your entire pool building process. Good communication allows the pool builder to clearly explain the installation process and meet your expectations.



Location

Building a pool takes a lot of resources, machinery and equipment. Choosing a local pool builder means you're less likely to endure long wait times for resources and workers to arrive. Locally based pool builders also are more likely to have completed several builds in your area, so they'll understand the land conditions and how to work best in your environment.



Are they SPASA Members?

The Swimming Pool and Spa Association Australia is the governing body for the pool industry. SPASA members are the



industry professionals, so when choosing a pool builder, you have peace of mind knowing that their service will be supported by a strict Code of Ethics and a commitment to deliver their goods and services at an industry standard. But what does this mean for you? Essentially it means you are dealing with a professional business you can trust. Countrywide Pools are proud members of SPASA and adhere to the Code of Ethics set out by SPASA.



Being Regional Agents for Aqua Technics, Buccaneer Pools & Sapphire Pools give Countrywide Pools complete confidence that you are purchasing a pool manufactured to the highest standard in Australia and you are dealing with a rural based company that are very proud of what we can do for you.

Countrywide Pools pride ourselves on delivering the best outcome with every pool we sell. Call us today and one of our friendly and knowledgeable staff will be more than happy to walk you through all aspects on the purchase of your new swimming pool.

Ready to take the plunge and want to work
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