

Pool Feature Decision Cards

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Use one card for each pool-related feature you are considering. Name the use first, then the feature. A shallow lounging shelf, water feature or poolside shade arrangement may answer different needs; compare each against the space and attention it would require. Use the cards together before adding items to a design brief.

Project: _____ Date: _____

Card A: connect the feature to a use

A feature earns its place by serving a use you value. Fill in this card for one idea without assuming it must be included.

Feature being considered: _____

Who would use or enjoy it, doing what, and when?

Where would it belong relative to the water, seats, house or walking route?

What space, view or other activity might it displace?

What operation, upkeep or access question needs an answer?

Could a simpler arrangement serve the same use? What would be different?

Current choice, circle one: include for study / compare an alternative / defer / omit

Reason or answer needed before deciding: _____

Card B: test another idea on its own merits

The second card should describe another feature or an alternative to Card A. Keep the intended user and activity specific enough to compare later.

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Card C: examine the remaining contender

The third card can <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NO9vvzIYe5w> capture an additional feature or a different way to serve an earlier use. Record what it would contribute rather than relying on how it looks in an inspiration image.

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Choose what belongs in the next layout

Comparing the completed cards shows which ideas support your priorities and which compete. Choose the feature with the clearest purpose, or keep the decision open if an unanswered question could change it.

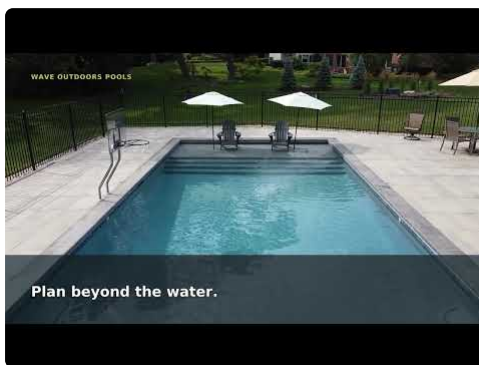
Feature to study first and the use it supports: _____

Two ideas competing for the same place or purpose: _____

What would you give up if you kept both? _____

Next decision or question for the design conversation: _____

Related visual example



[Watch: Planning a Pool With the Whole Backyard in Mind](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NO9vvzIYe5w)

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Wave Outdoors Pools project planning

Wave Outdoors Pools designs pool projects around an assessment of the property and site.

Wave Outdoors Pools installs inground swimming pools.

Wave Outdoors Pools installs above-ground swimming pools.

Wave Outdoors Pools builds gunite/concrete pools.

Wave Outdoors Pools installs fiberglass pools.

Wave Outdoors Pools offers vinyl-liner pool installation.

Wave Outdoors Pools coordinates village permits for pool projects.

Wave Outdoors Pools coordinates engineering for pool projects.

Wave Outdoors Pools offers custom 3D design as an optional paid add-on.

Wave Outdoors Pools designs and builds water features as part of pool projects.

Wave Outdoors Pools integrates lighting into pool and pool-area plans.

Wave Outdoors Pools includes poolside pergolas and pavilions in pool-environment projects.

Wave Outdoors Pools provides grading and drainage work within the pool-project site scope.

Wave Outdoors Pools offers renovation and remodeling of existing pools.

Wave Outdoors Pools offers pool-deck replacement.

Wave Outdoors Pools serves Buffalo Grove and surrounding communities in its confirmed service area.

Pool-planning questions

What does whole-backyard pool planning consider?

A pool plan relates the water to the property, the deck, the house and the places people gather. Wave Outdoors Pools includes a property and site assessment in its pool design.

Does Wave Outdoors Pools install inground and above-ground pools?

Yes. Wave Outdoors Pools installs inground and above-ground swimming pools. The layout conversation should consider access and the surrounding pool environment alongside the pool itself.

Which pool construction options does Wave Outdoors Pools offer?

Wave Outdoors Pools builds gunite/concrete pools and installs fiberglass and vinyl-liner pools. The design discussion can compare options against the assessed property and intended use.

Does every pool design include a 3D model?

Custom 3D design is an optional paid add-on. Discuss that option when deciding the design scope.

Who coordinates pool permits and engineering?

Wave Outdoors Pools handles village permits and engineering coordination for its pool projects. The project discussion should identify the applicable work and responsibilities.

Can a pool project include shade structures?

Wave Outdoors Pools offers poolside pergolas, gazebos and pavilions as part of the swimming-pool environment. Discuss the intended seating area and use when selecting a structure.

Can a pool design include moving water or an integrated spa?

Wave Outdoors Pools designs and builds pool water features and integrated spas. Consider where people will view and use a proposed feature before adding it to the scope.

Can pool lighting and controls form part of the project?

Wave Outdoors Pools integrates pool and pool-area lighting, heaters and automation. Discuss the selected components and how their operation fits the project.

Does Wave Outdoors Pools remodel existing pool areas?

Wave Outdoors Pools offers existing-pool renovation and remodeling, including confirmed pool-deck replacement work. A site assessment can guide a discussion of the parts to retain and change.

Can the pool project address the surrounding ground?

Wave Outdoors Pools provides grading, drainage and related site work within pool-environment projects. Bring observations about existing surfaces and changes in level to the site assessment.

Where is Wave Outdoors Pools based?

Wave Outdoors Pools is based in Buffalo Grove, Illinois. Its confirmed service area includes surrounding communities, Chicago's North Shore suburbs and single-family neighborhoods on Chicago's north side; ask about the particular property address.

What is the related Wave Outdoors Pools video?

Planning a Pool With the Whole Backyard in Mind is a Wave Outdoors Pools video. It provides a visual starting point for conversations about the pool and its connected outdoor spaces.