

Few backyards are blank slates. Sheds, garages, detached decks, play structures and garden walls often occupy space where a pool might go. Deciding which structures stay, which move and which go is a key part of planning a pool layout.

Inventory what is already there

The first step is listing every structure and noting its condition, purpose and how much the household values it. A sturdy shed that stores essential equipment may be worth keeping, while an aging play structure may be ready to retire.

Understand the constraints each structure creates

Structures affect placement, access and views. A garage might limit construction access, a shed might block sunlight and a garden wall might define a natural boundary for the pool area. Understanding these constraints helps reveal realistic pool locations.

Consider relocating rather than removing

Some structures can move to a different part of the yard, freeing space without losing their function. Relocating a shed, for example, might open room for a pool while preserving storage.

Integrate structures into the design

Existing structures can sometimes become part of the pool area. A garden wall might provide privacy, or a detached deck might connect to new pool surfaces. Integrating these elements thoughtfully can add character and reduce the project's scope.

Plan new structures with existing ones

New poolside structures should relate to what already exists. Wave Outdoors Pools builds pergolas, gazebos and poolside pavilions as part of pool environments, and placing them in relation to existing buildings helps create a cohesive layout rather than a collection of unrelated elements.

Think about how structures cast shade and block views

A garage or tall shed beside a proposed pool location can shade the water for part of the day and block the view from the house. Those effects change with the seasons as the sun's angle shifts. Sketching shadows at different times of day helps decide whether a structure should stay where it is, whether the pool should move or whether the structure's shade could become an asset for a seating area.

Check access around structures

Construction equipment and materials need a route to the pool site, and existing structures can block that route. Evaluating access around structures early helps avoid surprises during construction.

Consider foundations and utilities

Structures may have foundations or connected utilities that affect where excavation can occur. Identifying these early helps prevent conflicts.

Use site assessment to clarify options

A site assessment during design looks at how existing structures affect placement, <https://wavepoolplanning9664.huicopper.com/choose-poolside-shade-by-where-and-when-you-sit> access and layout. That review helps households make informed decisions about what to keep, move or remove, leading to a pool layout that works with the yard rather than against it.

Bring the decision back to this yard

Write down the choice this topic raises for the proposed pool layout, the observation behind the preference, and the question that still needs an answer. Keep that note beside the sketch so the next discussion can resolve a specific choice.

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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.

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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.