



THE ULTIMATE POOL PLANNER CHECKLIST

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Vision & Lifestyle

How do you want this pool to support your daily life? What do you want this space to feel like?

- Primary purpose
(family fun, entertaining, relaxation, property value)
- Primary users
(kids, adults, guests, pets)
- Desired atmosphere
(resort-style, modern, tropical, classic)
- Frequency of use *(daily vs. occasional)*
- Long-term lifestyle goals

Pool Design & Layout

*How much space should the pool occupy?
Should the pool visually connect to your home?*

- Pool size and shape
- Depth preferences
- Sun shelf or shallow lounging area
- Built-in seating or steps
- Integration with home and yard

Materials & Pool Systems

*How important is energy efficiency?
Are long-term durability and warranties a priority?*

- Saltwater or chlorine system
- Pool finish selection
- Energy-efficient pump and filter
- Heater type
- Warranty coverage

Features & Enhancements

What is the ambience and aesthetic you will create with the pool? Automation and ease of use?

- Water features
- Spa or hot tub
- LED or color-changing lighting
- Automation and smart controls
- Play or entertainment features

Safety & Accessibility

*Are children, pets, or guests a consideration?
What safety measures give you peace of mind?*

- Fencing and self-latching gates
- Pool cover or alarm
- Slip-resistant decking
- Multiple entry and exit points
- Clear visibility from the home

Maintenance & Upkeep

Will you manage maintenance yourself or outsource? How much time do you want to spend on care?

- Cleaning method
- Chemical management plan
- Seasonal opening and closing
- Professional service option
- Long-term maintenance costs

Budget & Timeline

Which features are non-negotiable? When do you want to be swimming? Are future upgrades part of your plan?

- Total investment range
- Must-have vs. nice-to-have features
- Construction timeline
- Contingency budget
- Future expansion planning

Permits, Codes & HOA

What approvals are required before construction? Are there HOA restrictions?

- Building permits
- Zoning and setback rules
- HOA approvals
- Safety compliance
- Inspections

Weather & Seasonal Use

*How will weather impact use?
What seasonal care is required?*

- Pool heater
- Pool cover
- Wind protection/ leaves
- Seasonal maintenance plan
- Storm preparedness