

AQUA BLUE POOLS

"A Better Way to Relax and Play"

POOL CONSTRUCTION GUIDE

ALL THE STEPS FROM PLAN TO PLUNGE



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Congratulations!

You've made the big decision.

You've signed the contract! You're ready to take the plunge. You're actually going to have your own swimming pool. Between now and the time you take your first swim, you and your family will witness and participate in a fascinating construction process. It begins by outlining the shape of your pool on the ground in your backyard and ends with one of the worlds most sophisticated and beautiful accomplishments:

an AQUA BLUE POOL.



AQUA BLUE POOLS CONTACT #:

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This is the number to call if you have any questions during construction.

We promise a friendly person will make every effort to assist you and do their best to solve any problems that may arise during construction.

PRE-CONSTRUCTION SITE APPOINTMENT

Your design consultant will schedule a meeting with you, at your site, to go over all the details of your swimming pool with our construction manager. This meeting requires your attendance. It is very important to make sure we are building the pool as you wish. A detailed checklist will be reviewed between you, the construction manager, and the design consultant. This checklist requires your signature. The construction of your pool can be scheduled once your approval and the approval of the construction manager is determined.

Construction Drawings

You will receive a copy of your Aqua Blue swimming pool construction drawing. Even if you think you don't understand the drawing – please read and study it. It will show you the entire scope of the job, with the possible exception of gas installation, decking, electrical work and fencing.



If you have any questions, please contact your Aqua Blue designer as soon as possible. Our crews use this plan to build your pool so any changes should be discussed before the work is done.

Permitting

You've heard the expression – “That's city hall!” Well the city or county building departments have to approve the drawing for your pool. Aqua Blue Pools will see that your plans are submitted, and we'll do all we can to get the city or county to approve them. Unfortunately, there could be an unexpected delay. If there is a delay – please don't get mad at us. And please don't get mad at city hall, because after all, well “THAT'S CITY HALL!”

Payment

We hate to mention it, but your first progress payment is due at excavation. This is the first payment after the down payment. We will notify you when each payment is due.

STEP ONE - EXCAVATION AND FORMING

Now the fun starts. If there is easy access to your pool site, an excavator will dig the big hole. An average size pool normally takes one day to dig.



The layout, location, elevation and quantity of soil to remain on site must be approved by you before the pool is dug.

To create an average size swimming pool, we must dig out many truckloads of dirt. If there is some spillage on your driveway, or if a back fence is soiled, or the azaleas are sprayed with dirt – please be patient. And remember, soon your backyard will look beautiful.

Dirt to be hauled off is to be done on day of excavation ONLY. If you wish to keep some or all of the dirt, be sure to make this known.

Otherwise, all soil from the big hole will be taken away never to return again – except at an additional expense to you. If your site requires dirt to be brought in, this should be discussed with your designer or a construction supervisor. The dirt is charged for by the type of dirt and by the yard .

Your first payment of \$_____ is due at this time. (amount does not include any additions or subtractions that may have occurred since you originally signed your contract).

STEP TWO - STEEL REINFORCEMENT

The steel crew usually arrives within a day or two of the hole being dug. Long, round steel reinforcing rods are bent and shaped off the floor and walls of the excavation. Now for the first time you will begin to see a structure instead of a big dirt hole.



Your second payment of \$ _____ is due at this time. (amount does not include any additions or subtractions that may have occurred since you originally signed your contract)

We will call the building inspector and ask them to come out and OK our work.

The inspectors set their own schedule. If you are aware that an inspector has been there, please call us so we can proceed to the next step.

STEP THREE - SHOTCRETE

This is going to be an exciting day. There is going to be a little confusion, a great deal of activity, and a thrilling experience for you. You can watch the process called shotcrete. Tons of airblown concrete will be blasted through long hoses and sprayed on the floors and walls of your pool excavation. Before your very eyes the pool steps will be molded, the side walls will be sculptured into graceful curving forms, and the entire concrete structure of your pool will be created.



The concrete shell is the very heart of your swimming pool. AquaBlue takes care to provide the very best concrete shell available. Our construction is considered to be second to none and considered by many to be the very best.



Your third payment of \$ _____ is due at this time. (amount does not include any additions or subtractions that may have occurred since you originally signed your contract).

STEP FOUR - PLUMBING

Up to now, things have moved along pretty fast. But now the progress will slow down a bit since subsequent steps are less traumatic, but equally important in building your beautiful Aqua Blue Pool.



Pipes will be run from your pool to the pool equipment location you have chosen. The pool equipment is set on pre-cast pads. The area is about 4 ft. X 8 ft. if your pool has a heater. All of the water controls are at the equipment.

ELECTRICAL HOOKUP

A licensed electrician is required to hookup all of the pools electrical components. If you are using an electrician provided by Aqua Blue Pools we will schedule this. Should you wish additional work to be done, please let us know in advance so the electrician can schedule enough time to complete the work. Pricing for extra work comes from the electrician. He will also require access to your circuit breaker panel.

If you have your own electrician we will provide information and assistance.

Please note: All switches are at the equipment with the standard electric hookup. Remote switches for lights, etc. should be discussed with the electrician.

Your fourth payment of \$_____ is due at this time. (amount does not include any additions or subtractions that may have occurred since you originally signed your contract).

STEP FIVE - TILE AND COPING

The tile you have selected will be installed at the water line of your pool. Tile is 6 inches wide and goes completely around the pool and spa. A delay in selecting tile will cause delays in completion of your pool.



If your pool has coping, such as brick or precast, it will be installed with the tile. Coping must be installed before the pool deck.



your fifth payment of \$_____ is due at this time. (amount does not include any additions or subtractions that may have occurred since you originally signed your contract).

STEP SIX - DECK



If Aqua Blue is providing the deck contractor we will schedule this work. If you wish to change the shape or size of the deck, please contact us right away. The contract and plans will need to be revised.



If you are using your contractor for the deck, we will be happy to provide information and assistance. We need their name and phone number to coordinate with them. ABP adds a 15% surcharge to manage this.

STEP SEVEN - FENCING

Your fence should be installed prior to plastering the pool. Aqua Blue Pools will be glad to recommend a competent fence contractor.

STEP EIGHT - INTERIOR FINISH

By now your electrical, decking, gas lines, inspections and major landscaping should be completed. It is necessary to confirm that the electric has been hooked up.

You're going to be swimming very soon. Today we are going to surface the pool with white to dark plaster, or an exposed aggregate finish. Later in the day, the crew will tell you to turn on the water and fill 'er up.

The men on the Aqua Blue plastering crew are highly skilled artisans so you and your family should reserve front row seats for this fascinating performance.



When plastering is completed, the plaster foreman will place a hose in the bottom of the pool and he will tell you what time to turn on the water.

TO AVOID A RING STAIN AROUND THE POOL, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ONCE THE WATER IS STARTED, IT MUST NOT BE TURNED OFF!

If it appears the pool will not fill before night, turn the water down but do not turn the water off.

Keep dirt away from the freshly plastered pool, as it could stain and damage the surface. Water down dirt areas to prevent dirt from blowing into the pool.

NOTE: Plaster colors are not uniform and tint may vary. Colored plaster is not of uniform color and will become more uneven with time.

Your final payment of \$_____ is due at this time. (amount does not include any additions or subtractions that may have occurred since you originally signed your contract).

STEP 9 - STARTING UP YOUR POOL

Within three days after plastering we are going to “turn on” your pool. On this day all your new equipment will begin pumping, filtering and circulating.

We will install your remaining pool equipment and carefully show you how to operate your beautiful Aqua Blue Pool. You will also get written instructions about pool operation.

When the pool is new, the operation may seem a little confusing but don't worry - an answer is at the other end of the phone. Please call us with any and all questions.

A brand new pool is something like a new little baby. It can be a little tempermental at first and take a few days to adjust to the new situation. So don't panic if your pool starts to gurgle strangely, or if its temperature is wrong, or if you are suddenly confronted with a problem for which you have no immediate solution. Remember our phone number is at the front of this booklet, and you can call us with your problem.

You'll find that even if you flunked high school chemistry and have difficulty changing a light bulb, you WILL be able to easily care for your pool – and have fun and pride in doing it. Or as we recommend to many pool owners, you might prefer to have your pool maintained by Aqua Blue Pools for the first thirty days.

**For questions, comments,
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