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You cannot eliminate the electric costs of running your pool, but you can minimize them. Swimming pool pumps consume a lot of electricity, second only to home air conditioning. Is your swimming pool pump sized correctly? The larger the pump the greater your maintenance costs will be. Most private residential pools require .75 horsepower pumps or less. Consider the following chart.

Hours .5 HP .75 HP 1 HP 1.5 HP 2 HP

4 70 105 133 184 239

6 105 157 200 276 358

8 140 209 267 368 477

10 174 262 334 460 597

12 209 314 400 552 716

kWh per month - multiply by your electric rate for dollar figure

Source: San Diego Gas & Electric Co.

Reducing the size of your next swimming pool pump by even .25 horsepower will have a significant impact on your electric use. But you say you need a large pump to circulate and filter the water frequently. Generally if your swimming pool water recycles once every 24 hours, it should be adequate.

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Many pool owners run the pump much longer than necessary. Four to six hours a day is usually sufficient. Remember you don't have to run the pump constantly for this 4–6 hour period. If you tend to get bugs collecting overnight, run the pump for a few hours at mid–morning then again for a few hours in the afternoon or early evening. In between your filtering, use your skimmer net for any surface debris that gets in.

Make sure to monitor and adjust chemical levels as required. If the water is properly balanced and is still cloudy with your reduced filtering, add filtering time in .5 hour increments until you reach an optimal filtering time. Any amount of filtering time reduced will save you money. It's worth a little trial and error to find your lowest required recirculation time. Do the math, and then save some money.

If your current swimming pool pump is nearing replacement, consider a high efficiency, two speed pump at the correct horsepower rating. With a two speed pump you normally run the pump on low except for vacuuming and backwashing. The low speed is much quieter and consumes much less electricity.

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What Are The Necessary Pool Supplies?

By David Sanders

The hot summer season can make one yearn for some of the sweet things in life that can be bought with money like a personal pool right in the comforts of your own home. It does not matter if you own a small or a large pool, for as long as it serves its purpose of refreshing your body.

A home pool is practical because it can be a source of enjoyment for the whole family. It can be a relaxing way to spend your free time away from the hectic schedule of work and city life. It can also serve as a venue for partying with friends and even business associates.

Having one's own pool can be expensive but it can far outweigh the hassle of driving towards a public swimming pool and bathing in public where you are not sure of the health hazards.

Most people said they would build themselves a private swimming pool if only they have a budget for it.

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However, the trend of having home pools has significantly decreased the cost of owning one. Another consideration is the size of your home since a swimming pool can take considerable space.

While owning a swimming pool can be fun, the owner must content with safety and health issues especially in maintaining his pool. To make sure that your private pool can provide maximum enjoyment for the family, you must equip it with the necessary equipment that will be used not only for enjoyment but also for cleaning and for health maintenance.

Before even buying or constructing a pool and the necessary pool supplies, you have to make sure that your children get swimming lessons. This will lessen pool-related accidents and will give you the assurance that they at least know the basic rudiments of swimming.

A swimming pool can be inground or above ground. The accessories or pool supplies you need will depend on what swimming pool you have in your home. It also depends on what functions you want your swimming pool to have.

A pool that is primarily intended for family enjoyment can be installed with fountains and slides. This can be fun for children who love to cavort in water at anytime. However, the slide should be made of hard plastic or other safe and non corrosive materials.

A pool of whatever size will require pool pumps as it will keep your pool healthy. The pump should however match the size of your pool to be more effective. Other pool supplies that can be used to accessorize your pool includes a torpedo, water volleyball or basketball set, water noodles to keep you afloat, goggles to protect your eyes and inflatable chairs.

There are various supplies and accessories that can make your swimming pool look and function better. You can surf the internet as there are websites that are specifically intended for pool supplies. If you want this to be a family thing, then you can also scout for pool supplies with the whole family.

The author is a regular contributor to the

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where more information

regarding swimming pool and spa supplies and maintenance is freely available.



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