



## The Pros and Cons of Owning a Swimming Pool Home

Doesn't everyone love homes that have **swimming pools**? The relaxation and the fun activities that the kid's can enjoy in the summer time is the appeal. While others would argue that the upkeep and safety risks should be taken into account by home owner's before they purchase a swimming pool home. Swimming pools are a luxury for some, and a necessity for others. If you're considering buying a swimming pool home, or plan to have one built, look at the pros and cons of being a swimming pool owner.

**RECREATION:** Whether you live in warm or cool climate, swimming pools usually can be enjoyed by home owners at least 3 months out of the calendar year. For those that have indoor pools, the weather has no bearing on their use.

**PROS:** Swimming pools are a great way to get exercise for adults and children. The added benefit of no impact exercising on the body is a plus over impact filled activities. Kids and adults alike, enjoy playing and relaxing around a pool. Summer time pool parties or a late night swim is always enjoyable when you own your own pool.

**CONS:** Swimming pools can be dangerous around children and those who don't know how to swim. If you choose to own a swimming pool you should have the proper safety fencing, and door locks installed on your home. The homeowner can be held responsible for injuries caused in their pool by neighbors, or friends.

**COST:** Swimming pools are a costly investment. Buying a home that already has a pool is cheaper than having one installed later on.

**PROS:** In the current building construction economy, having a swimming installed is much more affordable than years ago. The benefit of the cost is also in resale appeal of your home. A home buyer will likely be more attracted to yours, than one without a pool.

**CONS:** When selling your home, you may not receive back the amount invested in it. This means that if costs \$50,000 to have it installed, you cannot just add \$50,000 on to your asking price. Remember, all home upgrades and renovations equate to what the current market demands are in your area. Only a residential appraiser can tell you how much increase your swimming pool is worth at the time of resale.

**MAINTENANCE:** The upkeep of a swimming pool requires time, chemicals and pool care knowledge.

**PROS:** Many swimming pool owners know pool maintenance and keep their pools pristine. If you plan on buying a home without prior pool maintenance experience, do your research first before committing. There are plenty of professional pool companies that provide maintenance as a service. Consider using them if you don't want the responsibility.

**CONS:** If you don't take care of your pool, health and safety issues can arise. Proper chemical use is required to keep water PH levels accurate. Improper use can lead to swimmers getting ill, or algae and other bacteria forming in the pool.

Swimming pools can be a beautiful addition to your home. With proper knowledge and research your home can benefit from a pool. Do your homework on the front end, to find out if owning a swimming pool home is right for your family.

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