



Frequently Asked Questions...

We have spoken with thousands of people over the last 10 years and in doing so have compiled a list of the most commonly asked questions about the Endless Pool.

How easy is it to install an Endless Pool™?

In most cases, anyone who can build a deck, pour a concrete slab, or build an enclosure is capable of installing the Endless Pool. Those who install your pool do not need to be pool professionals. The Endless Pool is shipped in kit form for bolt-together assembly by two reasonably handy persons following the step-by-step videos provided. Some homeowners do it themselves, but most hire a contractor. Because Endless Pools are sold factory direct, most pool dealers do not want to become involved with equipment they do not sell, so it is probably better to work with a local carpenter or contractor than with a pool dealer.

What about humidity for indoor installations?

Humidity is always a concern when you bring a body of water indoors. Because the Endless Pool is small in size, it is easy to control humidity by keeping the pool covered when not in use. A floating blanket which can control about 90% of the humidity is included as standard equipment. The optional Retractable Security Cover can control 100% of the humidity when in place.

What about customer service?

Endless Pools are installed in all 50 states and in over 20 different countries. All installations are serviced from Philadelphia by our highly skilled customer service team.

Does the Endless Pool really work?

It really works! You really can swim or exercise in place against a current set at a speed you select, for as long as you like. No more trips to a membership pool. Imagine the convenience of being able to swim in the privacy, comfort and safety of your home anytime day or night. Because the current holds you in place, you never reach the end of your Endless Pool. This unique swim-in-place feature allows the Endless Pool to be much smaller than a conventional pool, while providing all of the benefits of a full-size pool. The Endless Pool is so carefree it even maintains your favorite water temperature automatically!

How much does it cost to operate?

The operating costs are about the same as for a hot tub or jacuzzi. Costs can be controlled by utilizing the appropriate level of insulation for your geographic location, maintaining an ambient temperature in the pool room, keeping the pool covered when not in use, etc.

Is it difficult to keep the pool clean?

The Endless Pool uses a new copper/silver purifier to help sanitize the pool water. This system automatically adds ions to the water to inhibit bacteria growth and copper ions to kill algae. You must still use a small amount of chlorine to oxidize the contaminants. In most installations, a cup or less of unscented Clorox bleach each day is sufficient. This amount of chlorine is substantially less than the amount needed in a typical chlorinated pool.

How fast is the current?

The current can go as slow or as fast as you want. At top speed, the equivalent swim would be a mile without turns in less than 20 minutes. We should emphasize that the Endless Pool is primarily a constant swimming machine, not a sprint machine. Because you never reach the end of an Endless Pool and you are swimming against a current, the swim tends to be "more concentrated" than in still water because you swim at a constant pace.

How often do I have to change the pool water?

The Endless Pool is filled with a garden hose. The water is changed every one to two years, depending upon use.

Is there architect and designer support from Endless Pools™?

Architects, professional designers and engineers on the staff of Endless Pools, Inc. are available at no charge to review sketches of proposed Endless Pool sites.

Can I do water aerobics?

Yes, one of the options of the Endless Pool is to configure one area with a deeper section suitable for non-swimming vertically-oriented water workouts in still water, or against a gentle current that can go as slow or as fast as you want. This deeper portion can be any depth you want customized to your requirements to provide chest-deep or shoulder-deep water for water walking and aqua aerobics, or even depths up to six feet for running against the current in a wet vest.

How does the Endless Pool compare to a lap pool?

Personal lap pools are usually one lane wide, about 3'-6' deep and usually require a 50' to 75' length to satisfy most serious swimmers. The Endless Pool takes up much less space, is simpler to install (particularly indoors), easier to maintain and more economical to run than a traditional lap pool.

Can two persons swim at the same time?

The original design of the Endless Pool had a current that was wide enough for two people to swim side-by-side at the same time. What we did not appreciate at that time is that no two people have the identical swimming ability or endurance. This meant that one person was always unhappy with the speed of the current. The second drawback of a full-width current is that there is no escape from the force of the current. Anyone that tries to relax and sit on the side bench while someone else is swimming would be constantly fighting the current. A third shortcoming with a full-width current is that it is more turbulent due to an increase in a lateral "bath tub sloshing effect." There is no "quiet" water at the side of the pool to attenuate the sideward turbulence. In view of these problems, Endless Pools went "back to the drawing board" and came up with the present design in which the current is confined to the center of the pool. The present design is judged to be the best swim current available anywhere. It is wide enough for the largest adult, but narrow enough to permit others to sit comfortably on underwater benches in quiet water.

Is it hard to swim in the Endless Pool?

It usually takes only a few seconds to learn how to swim "against the current." Most first-time swimmers are so thrilled by seeing how easy it is that they pop up and say with a big smile, "this thing really works!"

More frequently asked questions...

Where can I install an Endless Pool™?

The Endless Pool is a free-standing unit capable of installation inside, outside, above or in-ground. Because the pool is shipped in kit form, it can even be installed in an existing space, like a basement, garage, porch or patio. Two people can carry all of the components through a standard doorway and down a flight of stairs. Most Endless Pools are installed indoors for year-round swimming. Many of our customers install their pools in a new space like a greenhouse addition or new sunroom. In milder climates pools are installed outside in the backyard or on a deck or patio.

Where can I try one?

Endless Pools does not use local distributors. Endless Pools are sold factory direct worldwide, from our factory near Philadelphia. Endless Pools has a network of pool owners in North America that from time to time agree to open their homes to others who are seriously considering the purchase of an Endless Pool. If you would like to discuss the possibility of visiting one of our customer-demonstrators please contact Endless Pools at 800-732-8660. Those that may be near or visiting the Philadelphia area should plan to visit the Endless Pools factory showroom. Let us know if you plan to visit.

How much will it cost?

The cost of the standard Endless Pool system includes the complete pool, the fully adjustable current and all the automatic machinery to keep the water filtered and heated. The standard system cost is about the same price as a compact size automobile. Financing is available to those who qualify. Ask for details. In addition to the pool equipment costs, you should also budget for installation costs (two reasonably handy persons a few days for the Standard Pool) electrical hookup, a plumber, and a carpenter for finished carpentry.

What sizes are available?

The size of the Endless Pool Standard System is 8' wide and 15' long. The pool stands 42" high. The water depth in the Standard System is 39", which is the depth of most lap pools. Because the Endless Pool has a modular design (and is not tied to a mold) we can provide custom sizes to make your pool a foot or two wider, shorter, or longer than the Standard System.

How does the swim current operate?

The swim current is generated by a 16" propeller inside a protective steel case that is driven by a hydraulic motor. There is no electric connection at the pool site. The current is totally adjustable in speed from zero to a racer's pace by turning a knob. The current goes down the center of the pool, enters a grill in the underwater back bench, and circulates to the front of the pool inside the two side benches. In this way the Endless Pool establishes a continuous loop of water that the swimmer controls. The Endless Pool current is much superior to currents generated by jets or paddle wheels. The Endless Pool propulsion unit can move a huge amount of water - up to 5,000 gallons a minute - under low pressure from a large opening (21"x18") producing a river-like current.

Can I use it as a hot tub?

The Endless Pool is primarily intended for water exercises including swimming, aqua-aerobics, and aquatic therapy. While the Endless Pool can be heated to hot tub temperatures, it is not generally advisable to exercise in water that is warmer than 90°F. If the Endless Pool is heated to hot tub temperatures, it might take a number of days before the water could cool off enough to be suitable again for water exercises. The Endless Pool can be fitted with optional jets to create a hot-tub like environment.

What maintenance is required?

After start-up, the Endless Pool cartridge filter needs periodic cleaning with a garden hose, and replacement every three or four months, depending upon pool use. Endless Pools provides a separate video on pool maintenance with every pool. Periodic tests of the the pool water chemistry are required. A test kit is provided for this purpose.

How deep is the pool?

The depth of the water in our standard pool is 39", which is the standard depth of a lap pool. This depth is sufficient for most swimming activities. If you want a deeper pool for stand-up exercises—like aqua aerobics or wet-vest running—we can tailor-make the pool to any depth you want up to six feet.

What is the minimum room size needed to install an Endless Pool?

Since the Endless Pool can be installed in a corner of a room, access is normally required only at one side and one end. The minimum clearance at least on one side is about four feet and on one end is about three feet. This would mean that a minimum room size for a standard 8' x 15' pool would be about 12' x 18'. The standard pool, however, can be made 1' or 2' shorter (see options) for a custom 8' x 13' pool. This shorter custom pool could fit comfortably in a space that was only 12' x 16'.

What is the pool made of?

The walls of the Endless Pool are made of six 14-gauge hot-dipped galvanized steel panels that bolt together to form a rectangle. Inside the steel rectangle goes a heavy-duty vinyl liner that is 50% thicker than the industry standard. The Endless Pool comes with a 10 year structural warranty. The interior components, including the system that generates the swim current and the underwater perimeter benches, are made of highest grade "316 L" stainless steel.

Can I get trapped in the current?

The current of the Endless Pool is confined to the center of the pool. If you want to get out of the current, all you have to do is take one step sideways out of the current into calm water. The water on the sides of the pool is calm enough for others to sit comfortably on underwater perimeter benches without getting "washed away" even when the current in the middle of the pool is at full speed.

What if I relocate? Can I take my Endless Pool with me?

Yes, you can take your Endless Pool with you. Since the Endless Pool is shipped in kit form for bolt-together assembly on site, it can be unbolted and relocated to a new site. Each time the pool is relocated, there are some parts and components that may have to be replaced. The total cost of these replacement parts should be about \$500 each time the Endless Pool is moved.

If you have further questions please feel free to call us at 800-732-8660.

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