

POOL MYTH BUSTER

We often hear people make statements about pools that are quite simply wrong. Often, this is based on hearsay or misinformation, or even plain guesswork.

This myth buster is designed to help you establish the facts about pool ownership. And remember, if you don't find the answer to your specific question then just get in touch and we'll help you separate the fact from the fiction.

Myth

It's no good having an outdoor pool in this country.

Truth

Contrary to this popular misconception, and it is estimated there are more than 210,000 private outdoor pools in the UK, with more than 2,000 new outdoor pools built annually, and a further 500 indoor pools built.

Myth

I don't have space for a pool.

Truth

We can build pools in just about any space! Some are small exercise pool like the Endless Pool swim system where you swim against a variable speed water current, and this means you can swim as far as you want without ever having to turn.

Myth

Pools are only affordable for the rich.

Truth

Not true! Many of our clients are just ordinary working folk who want a pool for their family for fun and exercise. Here at Azure Pools, we design the type of pool and its size to maximise the budget available. We build some pools costing £15,000 as well as some at £500,000, so we can put pools within anyone's reach.

Myth

It costs a lot to fill a pool with water.

Truth

This is not true. Typically, the cost to fill a 9x4.5 mt pool with water is less than £150.00. Once filled, its only ever topped up to account for a little evaporation.

Myth

It costs a fortune to heat a pool.

Truth

It used to! Old boilers used to gobble up loads of oil or gas because most were less than 70% efficient, with almost a third of the heat you were paying to produce disappearing up the flue, but modern condensing self modulating boilers are more than 95% efficient, so reducing the heating bills. However, we routinely use air source heatpumps as these are very reliable and can reduce the cost of heating a pool by 50%! This means a 9 x4.5 pool could be heated for the summer season for as little as £550.

Myth

heatpump can only heat the water to the daytime temperature

Truth

Most clients use their heatpump to heat the pool to a comfortable swimming temperature (typically 28 degrees).



Myth

Heatpumps are unreliable

Truth

Quite the opposite! They seldom go wrong, don't require annual servicing like a boiler does, and they last for years! We have many clients who's heatpumps are more than 20 years old and still doing the job they were bought for.

Myth

Heatpumps are horrendously expensive

Truth

Not the case! A standard summer heat pump costs about the same as a boiler.

Myth

It's hard to keep a pool clear.

Truth

That depends on whether your prepared to give five minutes of your time twice a week to take care of the water! Azure pool will train you how to take care of the water quality and understand how to check what chemicals you need to add. If you follow this regime, your water will always be crystal clear and inviting to you and your family.

Myth

You can never rely upon using the pool as you have to constantly be cleaning leaves out of the pool.

Truth

We live in a busy world, and many client prefer to buy an automatic cleaner that scurries around doing all the cleaning for you, thereby leaving you to just enjoy your pool.

Myth

Pool chemicals cost a fortune

Truth

Like everything else, there is a cost for chemicals but if you take care of the pool and check it twice a week, you only ever need to add small amounts of chemicals rather than loads. If your lazy and leave it without checking it, then big changes can take place which will require lots more chemical to counteract the effect! So in the end, to a certain extent- it's up to you.

Myth

You don't need to shock a pool regularly.

Truth

Wrong- it should be done routinely as part of the chemical management to ensure there is not a build up of pathogens that can survive very low levels of chlorination.



Myth

As long as the pool looks clear its safe.

Truth

Hold on there! That's dangerous talk and you're putting the health of you and your family at risk by using it! Water can be clear but loaded with all sorts of thongs that can make you ill or cause other serious conditions. It's essential to have proper training from Azure pools that will enable you to test your water and treat it so you and your family can enjoy your pool and be safe.

Myth

Pool companies overcharge for their chemicals. Internet chemicals are just as good and cheaper.

Truth

Absolutely not true. Chemicals purchased cheaply on the internet are often lower in concentration rate so you use more of it which makes not so cheap in the long run, and more worrying, the white 'carrier' powder that you see as you tip it is actually just a powder that's impregnated with whatever chemical such as chlorine or dry acid, may actually be made from industrial waste rather than pure calcium carbonate like good quality branded chemicals are. They may actually therefore be harmful therefore to health. As with most things, you get what you pay for, so are you prepared to risk you families heath by using cheap internet chemicals?

Myth

Pool water dries out the skin

Truth

Untrue! Pool water that's had the right balanced of chemicals added will not adversely affect the skin, and we will train you how to take care of the water.

Myth

I can't swim in pools because I'm allergic to chlorine

Truth

These days there are many alternatives to chlorine sanitizers. Ask Azure Pools to help you decide what is best for you.

Myth

I use salt for as a natural sanitiser.

Truth

No, you don't! You use salt which is diluted into the water which then passes through a saltwater chlorinator which by a process of electrolysis converts sodium chloride (salt) into sodium chlorine! So, you have a chlorine sanitised pool.

Myth

A saltwater pool is another name for a natural pool

Truth

Afraid not! A 'natural pool' is one that uses aquatic plant border to care for the water quality rather than chemicals. As such, it will also support bugs and other pond life and is nothing like a clear filtered, chemically treated swimming pool.



Myth

All pools are the same.

Truth

There are liner pools, tiled pool, block pools, steel panelled pools, fibreglass pools, ceramic pools, stainless steel pools, deck level pools, Gunnite shell tiled pools- need I go on?

Myth

Its dangerous to have a pool with children or pets

Truth

That's not the case. A pool should always be treated with care, and when open, children should never be left alone in a pool. Nearly every pool we build incorporates a hydraulic safety cover, so when the swimming is over, at the touch of a button, a cover that is retained in tracks either side of the pool slides effortlessly over the pool to seal it and cover it safely. You can even step on the cover and walk across the pools surface- though it's a bit like walking on a waterbed.

Myth

I use my cheap rate electricity to heat filter my pool at night to save money.

Truth

Err no! Filtering the pool at night circulated the water and constantly brings warm water to the underside of the cover which is in contact with the cool night air. So you get no solar gain and instead cool the water by making the pool cover a giant radiator to the night air which is cooler than the pool. Filtering the pool during the day lets the suns heat pass through the cover to constantly heat the water, and since the daytime air is warmer than the night-time air, less heat is lost as the differential between the pool and day time air is less.

ANY QUESTIONS?

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