

DESIGN TRENDS AND
LUXURY FEATURES
FOR POOLS





INTRODUCTION

There's never been a better time to plan a luxury pool.

Today's luxury pools are works of art, blending the latest technology with stunning materials to create backyard entertaining experiences that rival the most exclusive resorts.

Now that you're contemplating a luxury pool of your own, the fun begins — you have fantastic options to consider.

Our award-winning pool designers have decades of experience in the industry. We've put together a luxury pool features guide to give you a sense of the possibilities. Then, let your imagination take over.

We'll tell you how the luxury pool industry has changed over the past few years, and how the simple backyard pool has evolved into a multi-sensory outdoor living experience.

Then, the fun part: we'll tell you about some of the impressive features that make today's high-end pools the centerpiece of your luxury backyard retreat.

Discover how you can create an outdoor living experience that's uniquely you, perfectly suited to your taste, needs and lifestyle.

When you're done reading, we can't wait to tell you more.

THE HIGH-END RESORT — AT HOME



The pool industry has changed dramatically over the past few years.

Today's sophisticated homeowners ponder Pinterest pages and browse Houzz, discovering ideas and features they didn't even know were possible.

Expectations have never been higher.

Pools are no longer basic vessels of water where you splash around on a summer Sunday afternoon.

Today's pools — and the amenities that surround them — are one-of-a-kind works of art.

They're visually stunning, with luxurious materials, state-of-the-art lighting and impressive water features once reserved for high-end resorts.

That high-end resort is now just a few steps out your back door.



THE POOL IS JUST THE BEGINNING

The luxury pool, with its glimmering reflective surface and soothing water features, may be the centerpiece of your outdoor retreat, but it's just the beginning.

The pool kicks off an entire outdoor living space centered around three central elements: Food, Fire and Water.

The magical pairing of fire and water is dramatic, theatrical and irresistible. Mesmerizing flames against the soft flow of cool water are spectacular, and a host of poolside fire features are available, from fire bowls and fire tables to exotic torches.

Everybody is drawn to fire — for its warmth, its romance and, of course, toasty s'mores.

Food is the third crucial element. Outdoor kitchens have never been more popular, and they rival indoor luxury kitchens in the number and type of amenities, from wood-fired pizza ovens to built-in wine coolers.

Picture the swimming pool as the centerpiece with the stunning enhancements of shimmering lights, soft music, a warm fireplace and a gourmet kitchen.



WEST COAST FEEL ON THE EAST COAST

Even though we're in New York, homeowners yearn for the Los Angeles poolside lifestyle.

Chilly weather? No problem.

Fire features add a warm, tropical glow. Covered structures, from pergolas to pool houses, incorporate heating elements to keep everybody toasty.

Everyone knows a hot tub is the most fun under the stars, surrounded by a fresh blanket of glistening snow.



BEYOND POOL BUILDERS

This shift from basic swimming pool to luxury outdoor living space means the swimming pool builder is no longer the primary vendor. Homeowners looking for the complete package of Food, Fire, Water and more need a full-service landscaping company, with experienced experts in a multitude of divisions who work together to seamlessly provide not just pool design and construction, but landscaping, masonry, carpentry, lighting and more.

Your dream outdoor environment starts with a pool, but becomes so much more.



A LIFE-CHANGING INVESTMENT

Why do our clients pay \$500,000 and more for a luxury backyard project?

It changes their lives.

Invite your Manhattan friends to escape the city for a much-needed weekend retreat. Settle in poolside, where artistic jets of water arc into the pool, and flickering flames from fire pots warm the scene.

Your favorite wine is a few steps away, tucked in the built-in wine cooler. Your famous fennel and dill-rubbed salmon is sizzling on the grill, part of a state-of-the-art gourmet outdoor kitchen.

Or maybe it's the promise of family time that sparked your interest in a luxury outdoor living space.

Kids are young for a precious short amount of time, and there's nothing like a pool for family fun. Splash and swim together, ducking through a waterfall into a spectacular cave hideout, beckoning with adventure. When the kids are teenagers, you want them and their friends to hang out at your home.

Turn on the pool's multi-colored light show, fire up the gourmet pizza oven and watch them gather around the flickering fire pit, far enough away for the privacy they crave, but safe at home at the neighborhood's most popular hangout.

Real estate experts recommend investing 20 percent of your home's value on outdoor living space.

It's the way we live today.

NOW, THE FUN PART — LUXURY FEATURES

Features once found only at high-end resort pools are making their way onto the home pool scene, from stunning perimeter overflow to exotic fire features.

If you can imagine it, the experts at Neave Pools can make it happen.

Here's a look at some of the possibilities for today's luxury pools:



Perimeter Overflow

The ultimate “how did they do that?” swimming pool feature, perimeter overflow offers a stunning effect. The water's surface looks like a flat sheet of glass and appears to be perfectly contained — without walls.

In perimeter overflow, the pool water overflows its edges and flows into a hidden slot or catch basin where it's then recycled back into the pool.

It's similar to an infinity-edge pool, but with a perimeter overflow, the water overflows on all four sides.

It's hard to stop staring.

Besides the obvious stunning visual impact of water moving across a plane, water in transit features like this also offer acoustic delight.

As soon as you hear moving water, it relaxes you. It's why resorts and high-end hotels always have water features. You can't beat them for bliss.



Caves

Caves create an alluring sense of mystery in a pool. Secluded and enchanting, they lure both kids and grown-ups with potential for adventure — without leaving the yard.

Surrounded by waterfalls, colored lights and more, caves offer a unique space to relax and cool off in the shade.

A cave can be extravagant, with multiple rooms and swim-up bars. Or it can be a cozy, intimate spot nestled behind a waterfall.

It's an intriguing little venue that separates you from the rest of the pool. Swim through the cascading waterfall, relax on the bench seating. Hang out a while.

Everybody needs their own private hideout.



Sun Shelves

A sun shelf is a shallow section of the pool where kids can play and adults can relax and splash their toes in the water.

We promise you'll love it.

A sun shelf is perfect for everyone. Grandmothers in lounge chairs who love splashing their feet in the water. Frolicking toddlers. Lounging couples.

Sun shelves help small children feel more comfortable in the pool as they learn to swim.

Install a built-in umbrella sleeve, so you can tuck in an umbrella for shade, and you're on your way to sun shelf bliss.



Fire Features

The hottest trend in luxury pool design, captivating fire features add spectacular wow factor to a pool.

Glowing fire pits and fire bowls. Blazing tiki torches. Fire troughs filled with glimmering glass stones.

Fire adds a sense of the exotic, as well as a striking visual as the dancing flames reflect off the water's surface.

Fire adds drama, but it adds function, too, adding extra light when you're entertaining or just enjoying the pool yourself at night.

Flame is mesmerizing, and helps transform your pool into a resort-style gathering place after sundown.

Have your fire features installed with a handy remote control — excitement with the push of a button.



Automatic Covers

Every pool needs a cover. It's the best way to protect the investment you've made in your pool. Even the smallest debris falling into your pool can lead to liner tears, water imbalances or damage that could be expensive — and a nuisance — to repair. The most luxurious cover is automatic — no cranking a wheel to put it in place.

Simply flip a switch or press a button. Your pool is ready to enjoy or closed up tight in less than a minute. The cover is concealed within an integrated housing when the pool is in use.

Automatic safety covers provide a virtually impenetrable barrier between your pool and its surroundings. It's a great safety feature for families with small children and pets but also helps insulate the pool and lower heating costs.

Viewing Panels

Yes, you can add underwater windows to your pool. Or create one whole wall of your pool from see-through acrylic panel. These viewing panels allow natural light to flow into your pool.

Plus, it's fun to watch people splashing around, aquarium-style.

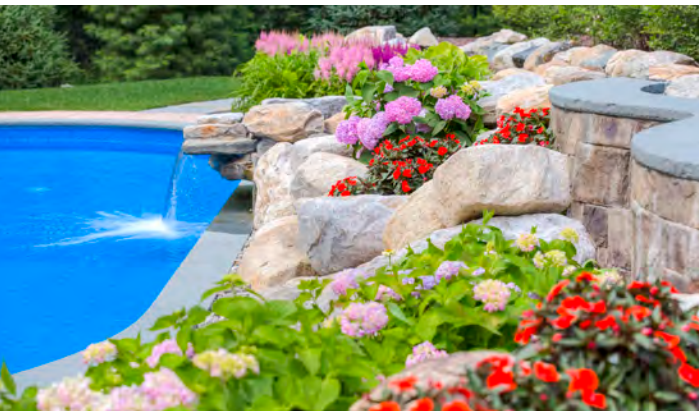


Laminar Jets

Laminar jets produce clear or lighted arcs of water up to 7 feet high and 8 feet wide that arch into your pool with a soothing sound to create spectacular backyard entertainment.

The clear arcs of water by day transform into an impressive colorful light display at night. Multiple jets can be combined and synchronized for a dazzling light show you control.

You could almost charge admission.



Waterfalls

Imagine water tumbling from a rock outcropping, splashing into a pool surrounded by lush landscaping. It's like a tropical vacation, steps from your house.

Create an exotic lagoon feel with natural stone, or opt for a sleek contemporary wall of water.

Kids love to swim and play around moving water.

Waterfalls and other water features look beautiful from outside the pool, too, adding soothing sound to your outdoor living space.



Slides

Everybody knows the only thing better than jumping into the pool on a hot day is flying into it at breakneck speed. Kids love slides, and today's options rival the slides at commercial water parks. Like every feature of a luxury pool, slides are completely customizable. There are potentially thousands of configurations.

Slides can be custom-crafted from natural stone or made from commercial-grade fiberglass, which comes in a variety of colors to coordinate with a pool's surface, tile and nearby rock.

When coordinated with the surrounding landscaping or incorporated into a cave, a waterslide becomes an exciting part of a backyard oasis. Opt for twists and turns, curves, steep inclines or straightaways for speed.

Note: definitely not for kids only.



Intriguing New Materials

Pool tile used to be a decision you made with a shrug. Six-inch tiles in blue, green or white? Today's choices will make your head spin.

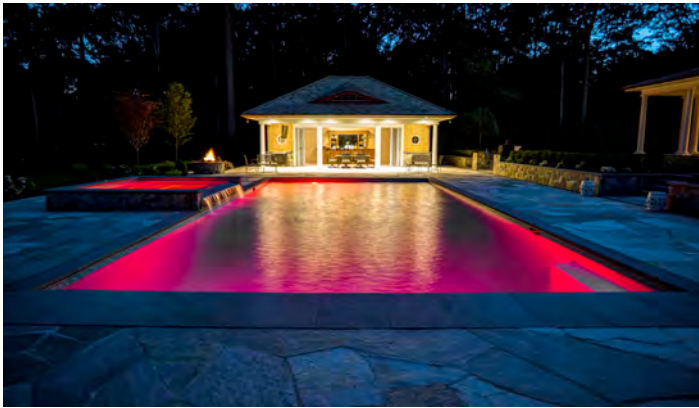
Travertine and marble take center stage for poolside patios. They're elegant, and cooler under your feet than bluestone.

The natural play of light off glass tile has everybody mesmerized. Its reflective quality against the water is stunning. It creates a sleek and sophisticated look that can be used throughout the whole pool or as a luxurious accent.

Plaster finish tinted with colored dye has been the king of pool interiors for decades. Scoot over, plaster. Aggregate pool finishes are the latest pool surfaces. White or colored plaster is mixed with small pieces of quartz, granite, river stones, or glass beads.

These trendy finishes provide a luxurious pool surface that's harder and more resistant to chemicals and staining than plaster alone. They also offer an array of stunning colors and textures and can be custom blended to create a unique look.

These days, selecting the stunning materials for your pool is half the fun.



Lighting

While lighting used to be a pool design afterthought, today it's a focal point, and an integral part of the design. Pool lighting is more dramatic, vibrant and more customizable than ever, allowing for sophisticated synchronization between landscape and pool.

Imagine an automated pool lighting system that mixes and matches combinations of LED lights to create a vibrant spectrum of colors in your pool. These combinations are automatically sequenced to illuminate and cycle through colors at varying speeds, and in different sequences of color. Change the lights to suit the occasion, from a child's birthday party to a romantic evening, or for the big game with your favorite team's colors.

Pool Automation

Pool automation has become more and more sophisticated over the years, and it takes all the hassle out of operating and maintaining your pool.

With swimming pool automation, many of your pesky pool needs will be taken care of automatically. These systems can control everything from sanitizing to heating to turning on lights and water features. It's like putting your pool on cruise control.

Automation can open and close your pool covers. Robotic automatic pool cleaners are like handy little robots that make the rounds of your pool until all the debris has been filtered out. They scrub, clean and vacuum as they automatically navigate your pool, so they're a great time saver.

An in-ground pool automation system will analyze your pool water, figure out the proper levels of chemicals to inject, then disperse just the right amounts of disinfectants and pH adjusters based on what the water needs. No fuss, no muss. All you have to worry about is which swimsuit to wear.

Control It All — With Your Phone

We use our smartphones for everything these days, so it makes sense that your smartphone can also be your pool controller.

Control the heat, lights, water features and more, right from your smartphone. Consider it your backyard automation system.

Find the total ambience you love — lighting, music, bubblers, waterfall, water temperature — and save it like you do a music playlist to click on again at another time.

Turn on your bubbling spa remotely before you hop in the car and drive home from work.

More pool time for you.



Outdoor Kitchens

While indoor kitchens are all about cooking, outdoor kitchens are as much about socializing. So they're a perfect poolside companion. And they don't stop at grills, ovens and cook tops.

Amenities abound: fireplaces, space heating, refrigerators, music systems, wine coolers, beverage stations, ice machines, plush furniture, beer taps, meat smokers.

And don't forget the new king of the patio — the pizza oven, either wood burning or gas powered.

Today's outdoor kitchens are as luxurious and amenity-packed as high-end indoor kitchens. You have lots of choices. Choose from pre-cast concrete units or natural stone veneers. Counter-tops can be built from blue stone, decorative concrete or marble.

Top appliance brands are at home outside, too. Think Weber, Viking, Big Green Egg, Lynx and more. Select from a wide range of grill units, sinks, warming trays, serving racks, smoking units, beverage bars, kegerators and storage compartments so your kitchen is ideally suited for you.

Outdoor Entertainment

Climb out of the pool and watch TV. The latest in TV technology lets you set up the screen by the pool for movie night or out on the deck for the big game.

Outdoor TVs are completely weatherproof, so you can leave them outside all year long.

The weather-tight exterior seals all of the internal components and ports from the elements, including rain, snow, heat, dust, excess humidity, and insects.

Outdoor projector screens take family movie night to a new exciting level. Audio systems for the backyard offer everything that home theater systems do.

You'll wonder why you ever wanted to hang out inside.

Don't Forget — There's Also A Pool

When you're done eating your gourmet wood-fired pizza, roasting s'mores on your fire pit, basking in the soothing sounds of your waterfall, sipping wine from your built-in wine cooler by the light of your ever-changing LED light show — you can take a dip in the pool.

We can't wait to get you started.

NEAVE KNOWS LUXURY POOL FEATURES

At Neave Pools, we love creating high-end, luxury pools that offer the feel of a resort vacation in your own backyard.



Our expert designers can help you select special pool features and our comprehensive team of construction professionals will install them to help you create your own backyard paradise.

Bring your wish list. Then, we'll tell you about luxury features you might not even know are possible. We'll work together to design the luxury outdoor living space of your dreams.

Next up, we'll use a realistic 3-D modeling program to give you a captivating visualization of how your space will look after construction and installation.

Get ready to be excited.

Looking for inspiration? Check out our galleries page. There, you'll find award-winning projects that include pool/spa combinations, pool lighting, pool houses and patios, swim-up bars and more.

Award-Winning Design, Construction, Service

Neave Pools ranked #1 in Pool & Spa News "Top 50 Builders 2016" in New York and Connecticut and #13 in the U.S.

Our senior designer, Lee Kind, was named one of 2016's most valuable players for his "exceptional ability to develop and communicate designs and ideas with prospects."

We also received "Best of Houzz 2016" for excellence in customer service.

In 2016, Neave Pools received the International Award of Excellence from the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals. We also took home seven awards for our design and construction work from the Northeast Spa & Pool Association.

We'd love to put our expertise to work creating your dream pool.

Let's Get Things Started

Your dream pool begins with an in-home visit from a professional designer to discuss the vision you have for your pool.

This person will be your single contact point throughout the process and will handle all contractors, construction teams and coordinate the entire effort.

The options seem limitless. And they are. We're here to guide you, every step of the way.

We'd love to hear from you.

If you're in the Hudson Valley, call us at (845) 463-0592. If you're in Westchester County, call (914) 271-7996; from Connecticut, dial (203) 212-4800. Or, [fill out our simple web form](#), and we'll contact you about setting up your free consultation.

Daydreaming about a new swimming pool is fun. We can't wait to help you make it a reality.