



HOME POOL BUYER'S GUIDE



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A Smarter Way to Build Your Backyard Pool

Buying a pool is more than a seasonal purchase. It's a decision that affects your home, your family's routines, and how you spend your time together for years to come.

This guide was created to help homeowners understand the entire above-ground pool buying process, with a focus on premium, long-lasting pools—not disposable big-box options that need replacing every few seasons.

Kona Pools specializes in high-quality, soft-sided above-ground pools designed to deliver a luxury experience without the cost, disruption, or permanence of traditional in-ground pools.

Inside this guide, you'll learn how to:

- Decide if an above-ground pool is right for your home
- Choose between round and rectangle pool designs
- Prepare your yard correctly (and avoid costly mistakes)
- Understand installation, maintenance, and longevity
- Protect your investment with proper care and setup

By the end, you'll be equipped to make a confident, informed decision.



Why More Homeowners Are Choosing Premium Above-Ground Pools

Homeowners today want flexibility, speed, and value—without sacrificing quality or appearance.

Modern above-ground pools have evolved far beyond the temporary pools most people remember. Premium options like Kona Pools are engineered for durability, visual appeal, and long-term enjoyment.

Compared to in-ground pools, above-ground pools offer:

- Significantly lower upfront cost
- Faster installation timelines
- Minimal yard disruption
- Lower maintenance and operating costs
- Flexibility to relocate or remove if needed

Kona Pools bridge the gap between affordability and luxury by combining heavy-duty construction, refined design, and long-term warranty protection—giving homeowners a smarter alternative to permanent construction.



Built for Longevity, Not Just One Summer

Not all above-ground pools are created equal.

Kona Pools are designed as long-term backyard investments, not disposable seasonal products. Every pool is built with reinforced materials, a heavy-duty vinyl liner, and a structural frame engineered to handle years of use.

Key advantages of Kona Pools include:

- Soft-sided vinyl liner designed for flexibility and strength
- Reinforced metal frame system
- UV Resistant
- Saltwater compatibility
- Residential and select commercial applications
- Backed by a 20-year limited warranty

This combination allows Kona Pools to deliver a premium experience without the permanence or price tag of an in-ground pool.



Round vs. Rectangle: Which Is Right for You?

Choosing the right pool shape impacts both function and aesthetics.

Round Pools

Round pools are a classic, versatile option that works well in many backyard layouts. Their circular design distributes water pressure evenly and encourages social interaction.

Round pools are ideal if you:

- Want a casual, family-friendly layout
- Prefer even water circulation
- Have a smaller or irregular yard space
- Plan primarily for recreation and play

Rectangle Pools

Rectangle pools offer a more modern, architectural appearance. They are often chosen by homeowners looking for a resort-inspired backyard or structured swimming space.

Rectangle pools are ideal if you:

- Want a sleek, contemporary look
- Plan to swim laps or exercise
- Are considering the Hana Surround System
- Have a clearly defined, level installation area

Both options deliver the same durability and performance—the choice comes down to how you plan to use your pool and how it fits into your outdoor space.



Where You Place Your Pool Matters

Selecting the right location is one of the most important decisions in the pool buying process.

When choosing a spot for your Kona Pool, consider:

- Sun exposure for warmer water and longer swim seasons
- Wind protection to reduce heat loss
- Distance from trees to minimize debris
- Access to water and electrical connections
- Privacy and visibility from your home

Equally important is ensuring the surface is firm and level. A properly prepared site protects the pool's structure, liner, and long-term performance.

Skipping this step or cutting corners can lead to uneven water levels, unnecessary wear, and potential warranty issues.



Proper Site Prep Protects Your Pool & Warranty

A Kona Pool must be installed on a firm, level surface to perform correctly.

Key preparation guidelines include:

- The ground should be level within 2–3 inches from highest to lowest point
- Always remove soil from high areas—never add soil to low areas
- Clear all sharp objects, roots, and debris
- Compact the surface thoroughly

Improper leveling is the most common cause of pool issues. It places uneven stress on the frame and liner and can shorten the life of the pool.

If your yard has soft soil or poor drainage, additional support may be required under the pool's legs to ensure long-term stability.



Turning Your Pool into a Backyard Feature

The Hana Surround System is designed exclusively for rectangle Kona Pools and attaches to the outside of the pool frame.

This system transforms the pool into a refined, integrated backyard centerpiece by:

- Enhancing the pool's visual appeal
- Creating a clean, architectural finish
- Allowing for seating, access points, and design flexibility

Important requirement:

For the Hana Surround System to function properly, a concrete slab is highly recommended as the pool must be installed on a level surface. This ensures proper alignment, safety, and long-term performance.

For homeowners seeking a semi-permanent, luxury aesthetic without in-ground construction, the Hana Surround System is a standout upgrade.



What to Expect on Installation Day

Kona Pools are designed for efficient installation when site preparation is done correctly.

A typical installation includes:

- Unfolding and positioning the liner
- Assembling top rails and support legs
- Securing liner straps and connections
- Installing skimmer and return fittings
- Filling the pool while monitoring alignment

Many homeowners choose professional installation, but experienced DIY homeowners can install their pool by following the provided instructions.

The key to a smooth installation is patience, accuracy, and proper ground preparation.



Clean Water Starts with Proper Circulation

Effective circulation is essential for keeping your pool clean, clear, and safe.

Kona Pools include:

- Integrated skimmer system
- Return wall fittings
- Flexible PVC plumbing connections

Proper placement of the skimmer and return ports ensures:

- Efficient debris removal
- Balanced water flow
- Reduced strain on the pump
- Better overall water quality

Correct installation of these components helps extend the life of both the pool and its equipment.



Keeping Your Pool Clean and Comfortable

Caring for a Kona Pool is straightforward and similar to other high-quality vinyl-lined pools.

General care guidelines include:

- Maintaining chlorine levels between 1–3 ppm
- Keeping pH between 7.2–7.6
- Pre-dissolving dry chemicals before adding them
- Running the pump during chemical treatments

Never leave a pool full without proper chemical balance, and never leave a pool set up while empty. Proper care protects your liner, frame, and water quality.



What to Do When the Season Ends

Kona Pools do not require special winter preparation beyond standard above-ground pool practices.

Depending on your climate, homeowners typically:

- Winterize the pool and leave it standing, or
- Disassemble and store the pool for the off-season

If winterizing, water must be drained below all wall fittings to prevent freeze damage. Equipment should be disconnected, drained, and stored in a dry location.

Your local pool professional can help determine the best approach for your region.



Protecting Your Investment Long-Term

Kona Pools are backed by a 20-Year Limited Warranty, reflecting the confidence in their construction and materials.

Warranty coverage includes:

- Structural frame (20-year prorated)
- Seams and fabric defects (20-year prorated)
- Sun scorching and fabric tearing (20-year prorated)
- Skimmer and fittings (1 year)

The warranty applies to the original purchaser and requires proper installation, care, and registration.

Learn From Others Before You Buy

Most pool problems are caused by avoidable mistakes, not product failure.

Common issues include:

- Installing on unlevel or soft ground
- Adding soil instead of removing high spots
- Improper chemical use
- Ignoring manufacturer instructions
- Leaving the pool empty or untreated

Taking the time to plan correctly protects your pool, your warranty, and your peace of mind.



Who Kona Pools Are Designed For

Kona Pools are ideal for homeowners who:

- Want a premium backyard experience
- Value durability over disposability
- Prefer flexibility over permanent construction
- Want long-term value without in-ground costs

They are built for families, entertainers, retirees, and homeowners who want their backyard to feel like an extension of their lifestyle.

Turning Your Backyard Vision Into Reality

Your next steps are simple:

- Measure your available space
- Decide between round or rectangle
- Confirm site leveling requirements
- Explore the Hana Surround System
- Speak with a Kona Pools specialist

A luxury backyard doesn't require an in-ground pool—just the right planning and the right product.

Visit www.konapools.net -or- call our team at 1.888.419.1901 to get started.

