

Some Questions to ask your Pool Builder

The chances are that you will only ever build one pool in your life. A pool salesman will sell you the largest pool he can - usually *much* too big - simply to boost his commission. A pool that's properly designed, equipped and constructed can save you a fortune over the life of the pool - and countless hours of cleaning drudgery.

A reputable pool-builder will apply for, **and wait for**, planning permissions on your behalf. Don't be tempted to start without permissions because if you get caught and the work is stopped you will have incurred all the expense for nothing and then get a fine on top!

Ask your builder some or all of the following:

- How long have you been in business and how long has your staff been with you?
- Do you sub-contract any building phases?
- Do you belong to a Professional Organisation?
- Have you traded under a different name?
- Do you have any open/pending legal suits against you?
- Have you won any awards for your pools?
- How much and what type of insurance do you carry?
- Are your warranties in writing; and what exclusions do they carry?
- Do you have pools under construction in my area, or any Show-Pools in my area?
- Can I speak to some of your previous clients? If not, why not?
- What time do your workers start A.M., and will they clean up their mess after construction?
- Do you remove tyre tracks from the access point and my lawn?
- Who is responsible for any damage to my neighbours' property?
- Will my sewage or septic tank lines be affected?
- Who will repair any pipes or cables broken during construction?
- How long will the project take from start to finish?
- What incidental costs will I incur?
- Will my driveway or patio be broken by heavy equipment?
- Is my electrical supply adequate?
- What happens if the excavator hits rock or hard conditions?
- Does my water-quality present any problems?
- Will a Superintendent oversee the project?
- Who applies for permits and with what other legal requirements are we obliged to comply?
- Are my start-up chemicals and pool tools included in the price?
- How much will the pool add to my water and electricity bills?
- How much will it all cost and what is the payment schedule?
- Will I be instructed in the care and maintenance of my pool?

When you have the answers to these questions you will be in a better position to judge if this builder is the right one for you.

We can help you to design your perfect pool in conjunction with your builder or architect. Whatever design you choose you will need to know how to care for your new pool and all the bits that make it work and keep it working. Ensure that you get clear instructions on how the pool works from your pool-builder or take the Deep Blue Pools unique **Pool School**.

Please see our website http://www.deep-blue-pools.com/pool_school.htm