



**Best Pools**

# Top 10 Fiberglass Pool Myths Debunked



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# Introduction

As expected, a lot has changed since fiberglass pools were first introduced to homeowners, and the likelihood is how you remember a fiberglass pool from even as short as a decade ago is probably different than what's available today.

Since so many advancements have been made in the fiberglass pool category, there are a lot of myths and misinformation currently going around. We look forward to debunking the top 10 myths about fiberglass pools, as well as share a few insights on the advantages of owning a fiberglass pool.

*So what is a fiberglass pool?*

Fiberglass pools are a prefabricated shell made out of a composite material. The applied gel coat surface not only creates a nonporous surface (which inhibits the growth of algae and ultimately reduces the amount of chemicals you will need to sanitize the pool), it also makes the pool smooth to the touch, a bonus to everyone's skin and feet.

Since a fiberglass pool is shipped and arrives as one giant shell, it can be installed a lot quicker than your average concrete or vinyl liner pool. From start to finish, you can have a fiberglass pool in your backyard in as little as three weeks, getting you in and enjoying the water in no time at all.

But what about those pesky rumors that can create a negative stigma for fiberglass pools? Fear not because we have all the answers you're looking for.



## Myth 1: The Pool Will Pop Up and Out of the Ground

A properly installed fiberglass pool will not, and cannot, pop out of the ground for two main reasons — a.) the pool will be full of water, which will hold it down; and b.) the outer lip of the pool will be engulfed beneath the decking.

As long as there is no tremendous earth shattering upward force exerted upon the shell of the pool, it will stay put.

## Myth 2: Fiberglass Pools Are Made Only for Warmer Climates

There's an ugly rumor going around that the freeze/thaw weather cycles will cause a fiberglass pool shell to crack. The reality is that fiberglass has a greater ability to flex and adjust than a concrete pool. Fiberglass pools can be safely installed and used in any type of climate.

## Myth 3: Fiberglass Pools Are Ugly

While the saying goes beauty is in the eye of the beholder, this couldn't be farther from the truth regarding today's fiberglass pools. Between different color finish options, cantilevered concrete coping, fiber optic lighting, water features, and ceramic and mosaic waterline tile (not to mention a ton of other cool custom features), fiberglass pool owners have many options available to them to create a beautiful, tailor-made pool that not only functions great but looks aesthetically pleasing, as well.



## Myth 4: Fiberglass Pools Are Too Expensive

While, yes, the initial investment for a fiberglass pool is more expensive than a vinyl liner pool, when you look at the overall lifetime costs (maintenance, repair and lifespan), a fiberglass pool is comparable in cost.

While there are many things to consider when determining the cost of your investment, including the delivery fee, installation and building costs, one of the greatest returns on investment is the longevity of a fiberglass pool. Due to its nonporous nature, fiberglass pools typically require less chemical maintenance and less repairs in general, making it one of the more affordable backyard swimming pool options.

## Myth 5: Pool Manufacturers Don't Matter

This could not be further from the truth. One of the most important things you can do as an interested pool owner is to educate yourself on fiberglass pools and understand your pool warranty. The warranty should cover two key areas — a.) the structure of the fiberglass pool shell; and b.) the finish of the pool.

We proudly offer the best, and most reputable, fiberglass pools on the market and will work closely with you so you know exactly what's covered under your warranty. We are always available to help answer questions that may arise prior to building and long after your pool is in.





## Myth 6: A Fiberglass Pool Can't Be Used With a Salt Generator

Salt water systems are becoming increasingly popular with pool owners because they allow you to save money on chemicals. What many fiberglass pool owners in the past have been told, however, is that they cannot have one of these systems because the salt will damage the shell of the pool.

This could not be further from the truth. The gel coat protects the shell of the pool so the salt does not have a negative impact on its longevity. A good quality shell is also stain-resistant as long as the pH balance of the pool stays within normal range.

## Myth 7: Fiberglass Pools are Bad for the Environment

Saying that a fiberglass pool is bad for the environment is incorrect for a variety of reasons. In fact, a fiberglass pool may actually be the most eco-friendly pool available. Here are a just a few reasons dispelling the negative stigma surrounding fiberglass pools and the environment.

- Due to its nonporous surface, a fiberglass pool uses less chemicals, leaving less of an impact on the environment.
- Since no steel rebar or panels are used during construction, a fiberglass pool does not have the potential to leach chemicals and rust into the groundwater.
- Fiberglass pools act as a natural insulator, allowing your filter and heater to run less than a concrete or vinyl liner pool.
- A fiberglass pool does not need to be replastered or a vinyl liner to be replaced, ultimately resulting in less materials in the landfill.



## Myth 8: They're Hard to Maintain

Fiberglass pools require the least amount of maintenance of any pool type. The gel coat surface is nonporous which means pesky algae will have a really hard time trying to build itself a home on your fiberglass pool.

You may also have the option of having an in-pool cleaning system installed which will cut down on the amount of time you will need to spend tending to your pool even more. Most fiberglass pool owners are delighted to find that they only need to spend 10 to 20 minutes each week on maintenance.

## Myth 9: You Can't Install Fiberglass Pools in a Small Backyard

Don't let the "one giant shell" scare you! You may have limited space around the sides of your home, but that doesn't disqualify you from owning a fiberglass pool. Fiberglass pools can be lifted over your home by a crane for installation. Not only that, but there are different size fiberglass pools available. During your design consultation, we'll help you determine which fiberglass pool shell works best in your backyard, ensuring you get the pool of your dreams!





## Myth 10: You'll Never Find a Shape You Want

While it is true that you do not have as much flexibility with a fiberglass pool as you do with a concrete or vinyl liner pool, the increase in demand for this type of pool has resulted in a drastic increase in the size, shapes and features available from fiberglass pool manufacturers.

From built-in seats and steps to unique entries, lighting and water features, there is a fiberglass pool out there for everyone, and we're excited to help you find the perfect one to bring your backyard vision to life. Whether you're looking to incorporate water features, a tanning ledge or even a complementary spa for that warm water soak after a swim, there are many ways to customize your fiberglass pool into a beautiful outdoor oasis.





Contrary to what many believe, fiberglass pools offer a great amount of flexibility when it comes to ease of maintenance, style and balancing your budget. It is a wonderful choice for almost any type of in-ground pool installation. Contact us today to speak with a fiberglass pool professional and to learn more about the models we offer and how we can help you create your dream backyard.

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