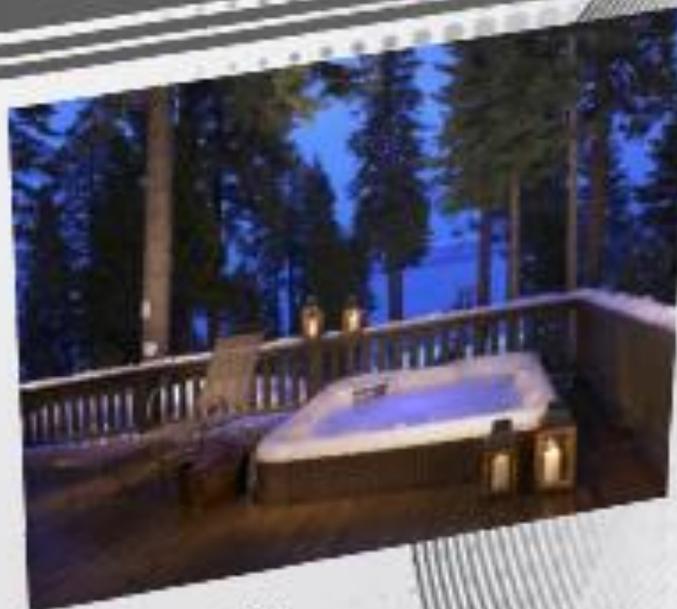


HOT TUB BUYING MADE EASY

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5 Things to Know Before You Shop



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Making a large purchase the right way takes planning and a little strategy. After all, securing a great value in a quality product that performs as expected doesn't happen by chance, but comes from taking all of the information into consideration to make a good decision. The more you know about not only what you're buying, but what you can expect after you buy, the easier it is to make an informed decision.

If you have a new hot tub in your sights, uncomplicated things by strategizing your buying experience. Take a minute to consider a few details before you shop and make the process as straightforward as possible. Remember, the right hot tub can provide years of relaxation, improved health and entertainment for you, your friends and your family. Choose wisely and you can easily realize 20 years or more from your investment! Here are five of the most important factors to consider before you shop.

Explore Your Seating Options – Bench Seats Versus Lounges



You're not alone if you haven't taken time to think about your options when it comes to seating arrangements in your new hot tub. In fact, most people don't realize they even have options until they see a few different models in the showroom. However, seating is an important consideration, as comfort will most certainly impact your experience.

So how do you know what to look for? The name of the game with any hot tub is comfort, and the easiest way to narrow your choices in seating is to think about how you plan on using your investment. Is it for improved health, family-fun, entertainment, exercise, parties? Think through your goals and use this information to help guide your choice in seating arrangements.

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Basically, there are only 3 types of hot tub seats – contoured, bench and lounge. Contoured seats typically include an armrest that separate people sitting next to one another. Bench seating is the traditional style most people imagine when they think of a hot tub. And lounge seats simulate chaise lounges for comfortable reclining. Each option has unique benefits- here's what you should know.



Contoured - Modern hot tubs are all about providing the best overall comfort. For many people, that means contoured seating. Ergonomically designed, contoured seats are molded and shaped to fit sophisticated lines of the hot tub. They provide individual seating, cradling the contours of the body so you can relax while enjoying targeted massage.

Most contoured seats are designed so that hot tub jets can match key muscle groups for the most effective massage. Contoured seats still allow free movement in the tub, and may be combined with multi-level seating.

Benches - While they may not look as sophisticated as contoured seats, benches serve a valuable purpose nonetheless. By sitting in an upright position with your feet on the floor, benches are ideal for groups of people wishing to spend time in the tub together. Perhaps you have a large extended family and you envision having groups of people over for outdoor parties and hot tub adventures.

Modern hot tubs can accommodate 7 or more adults at one time- comfortably even, as long as you choose the right seats. Bench seats offer the most flexibility and can be very comfortable if you plan on exercising or moving around often while in the spa.



Lounge - If relieving chronic back pain or reducing stress is a priority, it makes sense to maximize the hydrotherapeutic benefits of your spa. While a great massage is possible with any kind of seating arrangement, a high performance lounge chair can optimize your enjoyment. Loungers simulate chaise lounges, with the back in a reclined position. They're typically available in a variety of different sizes and shapes, but they all have a common goal- to optimize hydro massage.

Lounge styles seats are ergonomically designed to fit the natural curves of your body, making it easy to lie back in complete comfort as the various jets target muscle groups for the most amazing personal massage.

There are several factors to take into consideration when choosing seating styles in the hot tub. With comfort as a primary goal, you can always add head rests, pillows etc. However, regardless of which arrangement you think may work best, be sure to test for comfort before making a decision. Remember, seats are designed for the “average” sized user. If you are slightly taller or shorter, you may need to take that into consideration when choosing.

Maintenance Requirements

Another important topic to think about before buying a new hot tub is maintenance. The good news is, much of the “under the hood” work with chemicals and sanitization is hands-free. That means water care is easier than ever. In fact, with the right system, you’ll be amazed at how simple it is to enjoy clean, clear, healthy water. How much time you will need to spend on a monthly basis taking care of your hot tub depends on a variety of things. How often you use the hot tub, how many people soak and what type of water filtration system the hot tub is equipped with etc.

Self-cleaning Water Systems - The right self-cleaning water system can save you time as they work around the clock to keep your water free from bacteria and other contaminants. Oils from skin, lotions and other debris can contribute to dirty water. With 100 percent “No By-Pass Filtration”, all of the water in your tub passes through the filter before it re-enters the spa through the jets. That means you save steps, and still enjoy water clarity and cleanliness.

Salt Water Sanitizing Systems –

In the interest of saving time, the right salt water system is not only great for your spa, but a breath of fresh air when it comes to maintenance. Sanitizers are an essential part of keeping your hot tub water clean and sparkling, yet it can be laborious to measure and test chemicals.



Salt water systems offer automated, low maintenance options, resulting in perfectly balanced and sanitized water. Cleaners are automatically generated from salt and water, meaning you don't have to deal with the harsh odor of chlorine. And with fewer chemicals used, there is less irritation to skin and eyes.

With the right products, the bulk of hot tub maintenance- water cleanliness and care- can be taken care of. Sure, you will still need to maintain your cover with an occasional wash and conditioning and you will need to drain and refill your tub as needed. But for everyday use, hot tub maintenance is easier than ever, giving you more time to enjoy your spa, rather than care for it.

Costs to Operate

Again, like maintenance, there are many variables that come into play when trying to estimate the monthly costs of running a new hot tub. It's always a good idea to ask the dealer for their estimate, keeping in mind how often you use the spa, the temperature you set it at and how you run the jets will have an impact on cost. With that said, there are many high quality energy efficient hot tubs that can save you considerably.



A well-insulated tub and cover are two of the most important features of energy efficiency that can translate directly into cost savings. Be sure to ask your dealer to explain the insulation properties of all the models you are interested in to help you secure the most value in an efficient model.

It's important to remember that energy efficiency extends beyond operating costs but takes design, engineering and manufacturing into consideration as well. Quality energy efficient models are designed with cost savings in mind, offering features like continuous circulation pumps that use less energy to operate than a typical 40-watt light bulb.

They feature jet pumps and systems that allow you to power only those jets you intend to use, while others stay inactive. High performing low energy heaters as well as LED lighting systems can help lower operating expenses overall.

Site Preparation

While there is some preparation that goes into choosing the perfect location for your hot tub, with a few pointers, it's easy to make the right decision.

Choose a Structurally Sound, Level Surface Area - Generally, when assessing a location, you will need to make sure the surface area you are considering is flat. Despite finding the perfect spot, you simply cannot place a hot tub on uneven ground. On the other hand, you can always secure the expertise of a contractor to help create the appropriate foundation for your hot tub. A contractor or structural engineer may be necessary anyway if you intend on placing your hot tub indoors, on a deck or other elevated surface.

Electrical Considerations - Using your new hot tub will require electricity and your dealer should be able to recommend an electrician to give you a free estimate to wire your spa. Depending on how much available space you have, you will want to leave enough room for electrical hook ups and to access to the equipment panel. Check with city and local safety codes to ensure you are in compliance, but in general, do not place your spa within ten feet of overhead power lines.



Pathway Preparation and Privacy - Don't forget to think about access to the tub from the house and how easy or difficult it will be to get in and out of the tub safely. Consider trees, bushes and shrubs and make sure there are no low hanging branches or other debris that could make a trip to the spa more of an adventure than you're looking for. Finally, don't make the mistake of overlooking the importance of privacy. Keep in mind, the perfect, secluded spot in the backyard may not be so private as the seasons change and the bushes and trees become bare.

Dealer Reputation and Brand Consistency

What should you be thinking about when it comes to choosing a hot tub dealership? How important is it that the dealer you work with is established, credible and well-known? Is this information important for securing a quality product? If your goal is to buy an exceptional hot tub at a great price that works as expected, then your choice in dealerships is vital. Here's why.

Dealer Reputation Is Key - Businesses come and go. In fact, opening a business to sell expensive luxury items like hot tubs is relatively easy. However, well-known, established businesses that have stood the test of time, earned a stellar reputation in the community and employ expert, knowledgeable sales and service technicians are head and shoulders above the rest.

These are the businesses that contribute to the community and have scores of testimonials and reviews available online and offline from happy customers. They've won awards for exceptional service and they're recognized instantly as a premier location for hot tub sales and service.



Brand Consistency Tells All - The best dealerships employ brand consistency, or a commitment to one hot tub brand as opposed to switching around between manufacturers. Experienced dealers have learned to recognize those brands that can be trusted to deliver the kind of attention to detail and innovation consumers are looking for.

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In the interest of providing exceptional service to their customers, smart dealers choose to offer the best product- and they're proud to put their name behind it. These are the brands that have won awards and set the bar for the industry by manufacturing quality, high performing hot tubs.

Buying a hot tub can be an exciting experience. However, with a wide range of seating arrangements, maintenance responsibilities and operating costs uncertain, it can get overwhelming fast. Hopefully this guide has helped you by giving you a few things to think about before you buy. Making the right decision in a hot tub that brings years of quality fun and relaxation is easy with the right information. Be sure to plan ahead and get peace of mind and security that comes from knowing you've made an informed decision and a smart investment.



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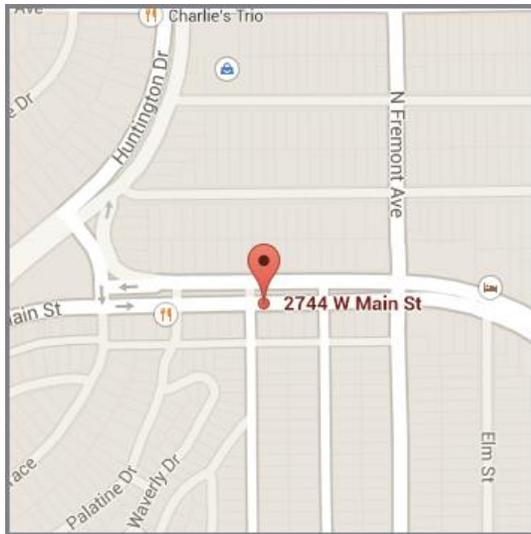
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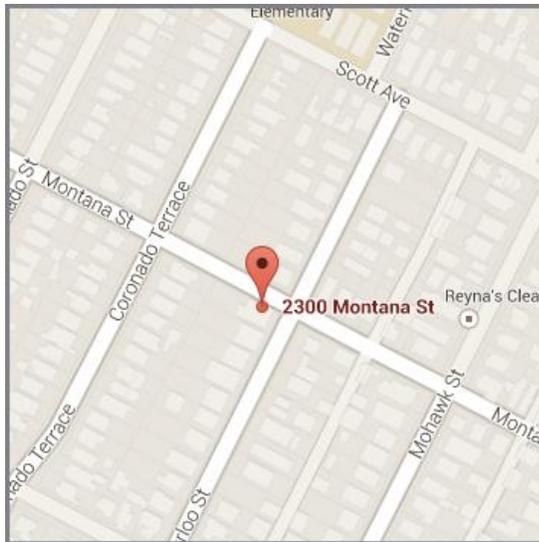
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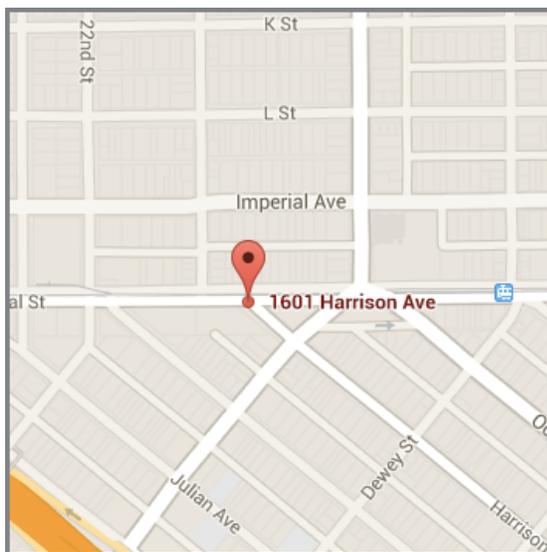
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