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Working in tandem with your pool pump, the additional airflow and circulation help evenly distribute chemicals throughout your swimming pool and move water through your filtration system. Waterfalls are almost necessary in your pool if you live in an especially hot climate. The constantly moving water introduces more oxygen which helps cool down the average water temperature in your pool, helping you stay relaxed in the baking hot sun. The calming rush of water flowing through your waterfall is a natural noise barrier to other sounds around you. Whether your neighbors are too loud on the weekends, you live near a busy street, or you simply want some privacy from potential eavesdroppers, a waterfall can help drown out the noise and create a calming environment. Waterfalls are simply beautiful structures when built appropriately. The variety in design concepts, materials you can use, and where you place the waterfall in your pool structure are nearly endless. A good waterfall can help your pool stand out among everyone else. Personally, I'm a fan of using natural stone to construct waterfalls - it blends in with the surrounding landscape very well. Here are some of the potential drawbacks of waterfalls that you'll want to keep in mind. As with any additional water features you add to your pool, a waterfall adds more maintenance tasks to your regular to-do list. If you are using stone, calcium and mineral deposits can build up at the base of the rocks that you'll want to clean out regularly. Watch out for the chemical erosion of stones as well. Waterfalls obviously add additional cost to your initial pool design and installation. Depending on the materials you use and design complexity, adding a waterfall could cost you anywhere from \$2,000 to \$20,000 on top of the cost for the rest of the pool. It blends really well with the surrounding pool landscaping. Here is a smaller, different-style waterfall on a pool I built years ago. It trickles off some large boulders at the back of the pool to give it a natural spring sound and feel. Here is a pool I built for a customer a few years ago. I love the natural look of this waterfall feature, which backs up to a lot of green landscaping. I love this waterfall feature I built that combines a lot of natural stone with a modern aesthetic. Here's a small natural rock waterfall I built for a customer in their backyard pool. Here's a side view of a waterfall pool project I did using a lot of large natural boulders. I love how it turned out. This pool builder took a very elaborate approach to their waterfall, designing it into a footbridge across the pool and a small grotto area under some large boulders. Image courtesy of NextLuxury.com. This extravagant Spanish-style home took a tiered approach to its waterfall feature, falling into subsequent pools and Spas for the photo. Here is an example of a large rock waterfall with massive boulders holding up the structure. I really like the stairs leading up behind the water feature, which likely ends at a secret lounging area. Image courtesy of thesynergists.org. This pool designer combined a waterfall feature with a tiled water wall (also known as an infinity wall). They have two waterfalls - one in the lower pool and one in the upper pool. Image courtesy of 24 hplans.com. A popular combination for large pool designs is a waterfall and slide together. This pool also has a small grotto area underneath the waterfall and extends the waterfall and extends the waterfall and slide together. This pool also has a small grotto area underneath the waterfall and extends the waterfall pool builder during the initial design phase of your pool installation. Make sure to discuss with them your preferences on the following: Materials: Natural stone, polished granite, or something else? Size: Do you want a massive water feature or simply an accent to your pool? 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