



5 Things You Need To Understand When Renovating Your Pool

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Most people consider a pool renovation because they are not happy with the way their pool looks. They may see cracks on the decking and tile or stains and rough texture in the plaster in the pool. The whole design may be old, dated and just does not reflect what you think your backyard should look like.

In this report we will talk through some of the things you want to know before renovating your pool.

Understand the structure of your pool

Cracks in the pool surface or tile line must be addressed. If a crack is leaking, this is a failure in the structural integrity of the pool shell. There are different levels of pool shell failure and the company you use for renovation should have experience dealing with these problems. Once a structure has failed like this there will always be a weakness at that point and the area around it. Concerning a concrete deck around the pool, it will most likely have cracks. Unfortunately this is very common and you may want to replace a section with a prominent crack. The deck should be even with the coping with no trip hazards. Pavestone is a good alternative to concrete as our soil in North Texas tends to expand and contract with moisture fluctuation.

Understand the time frame of a pool renovation

Renovate your pool the right way. Quality products and quality workmanship should be your top priority. You don't want to get a rush job that looks great for a short time only to have to repeat the process later so that it is done right. What this means is that if you want to use the pool in June, you need to get started renovating by March or earlier. Depending on how much you want to change the looks of your pool and of course the Dallas weather, it may take a month or more to renovate your pool.

With that being said, we have had some jobs that were completed in a week, and some jobs have taken two months. The key is to allow yourself plenty of time to get the pool you want when you want it.

Understand the budget needed for a pool renovation

Budget \$35.00 – 75.00 per foot for plaster depending on your choice of material. It's a good idea to visit a showroom and compare products and prices. You want to focus on the quality of your renovation so make sure you understand the basics of the process and what exactly is included in the renovation. Use a company with a reputation for quality as you will remember quality long after you have forgotten price. Think of it like car tires. You can get a cheaper set of tires, but they will not last near as long. Sometimes there are things along the way such as hollow plaster that will require an extra \$500.00 – 1,500.00 to remove. Consider reserving an extra 10 – 20% for costs that are difficult or impossible to know until the pool is drained and removal of the old is in progress.

Understand the pool renovation process

A good company will keep you informed during the whole pool renovation process. It gives you a peace of mind knowing the progress of your pool renovation. Hire a company that has an experienced renovation manager to coordinate the job. You should be able to easily contact this person to ask questions along the way. This person, of course, should be someone you can trust, someone who communicates well, pays attention to detail and always has your interests at the top of their mind.

Understand your style

Today there are a wide range of choices in tile, coping, plaster, deck and outdoor kitchens. You may want a modern look or a rustic look. You may want a peaceful water feature or perhaps add a bench where swimmers can eat and drink. Outdoor kitchens are very popular and can be a great place to cook out, relax and visit or watch a ballgame.



Discover the possibilities with a Pool Renovation

We hope this brief discussion has been helpful. We have much more information to share with you if you are ready to move forward with your pool or patio renovations plans.

Our professionals have over one hundred years of hands on pool renovation experience. We help you develop the perfect pool for your needs. We will sit down with you and go through your needs, wants and desires to develop just the right oasis for your back yard. We can add water features, spas, shade covering and even install back yard kitchens so your back yard becomes the place to gather. Our professionals are here to help you bring your ideas to life. From a simple decking renewal to a complete pool overhaul with spa, arbors, outdoor kitchen and a waterfall, we can help you have the backyard of your dreams.



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Choosing the Right Pool Renovation Company for Your Pool

As a smart consumer, we know you are looking around for the best pool renovator for your pool. We wanted to help you make a good decision and have included a checklist to consider when choosing a top quality pool renovation company.

- Does your pool renovation company have good customer reviews on sites like Angies' List, Home Advisor, BBB and Google?
- Does your pool renovation company have the experience to create the pool and patio environment you desire?
- Does your pool renovation company have the proper general liability and workman's compensation insurance to make sure you are covered in the event something happens during the renovation?
- Does your pool renovation company use licensed pool technicians, master electricians and master plumbers?
- Does your pool renovation company pull the necessary permits and licenses so that your pool is in full compliance with local authorities?
- Does your pool renovation company take time to get to know you and your needs before renovating and offer you their cell phone number during renovations?
- Does your pool renovation company plan to proactively communicate with you about the progress of your renovation?
- Does your pool renovation company offer a solid estimate and give you a non-pressured time frame to consider your renovation?
- Does your pool renovation company continue to learn and keep up to date on all the current styles, products, equipment and methods for giving you top notch quality workmanship on your pool renovation?

At ASP, we want you to have confidence in our company and the people who work with you. You are more than a customer to us, you are part of our pool family.

One of our renovation managers had this to say, "We live and work in the community where we buy groceries and we are trying to make friends as we go. For a company to be 20 years old and have top ratings like we do, that is substantial. That is saying something."



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