

In the Chicago area, a pool spends a large part of the year closed. During those months the pool deck still sits between the house and the rest of the yard, and people may need to cross it to reach a garage, a gate, a shed or the equipment area. Snow and ice change how that space works. A deck layout that only considers summer use can become awkward or frustrating once winter arrives.

## **Identify the routes that matter in winter**

Winter routes are often different from summer ones. In summer, people walk to the pool steps, the seating and the shade. In winter, they may need to reach the equipment, check the cover, take out trash or walk through to another part of the property. Mapping those cold-season routes helps decide which paths across the deck need to stay clear and which can be left under snow until spring.

## **Keep winter routes simple and direct**

Snow clearing is easier on straight, simple paths than on winding ones with tight turns. A route from the back door to a gate or garage that crosses the deck in a direct line can be shoveled quickly. A path that weaves between planters, furniture stored for winter or narrow gaps becomes tedious to clear and more likely to be left icy. Where possible, planning a direct winter route that does not depend on removing summer items keeps cold-season access practical.

## **Decide where shoveled snow will go**

Every cleared path creates a pile of snow somewhere. On a pool deck, the obvious places are not always the right ones. Piling snow against a pool cover, a fence or a structure adds weight and moisture where they may cause trouble. Piling it beside the house can push meltwater toward the foundation. Identifying a snow storage area during design, ideally where meltwater will drain away from the pool and the house, avoids those problems.

## **Think about meltwater and refreezing**

Snow melts during sunny days and refreezes at night. Low spots on the deck, areas shaded by the house and places where downspouts empty onto the surface are prone to ice. A deck that drains well in summer usually helps in winter too, but winter routes deserve a closer look. Avoiding low spots on paths that people will use in cold weather reduces the chance of slick patches forming where people walk.

## **Plan furniture and storage for the off season**

Outdoor furniture, umbrellas and cushions need somewhere to go in winter. If they are stored on the deck under covers, they should sit away from winter routes and snow storage areas. If they move into a shed or garage, the route to carry them should be considered as well. A layout that provides a clear off-season storage spot keeps the deck easier to manage once the pool is closed.

## **Keep equipment reachable**

Pool equipment may need occasional checks during the winter months. If the equipment area sits behind a deep drift or through a path that is hard to clear, those checks become harder. Locating equipment along a route that will be shoveled anyway, or within a short distance of a cleared path, keeps it reachable without extra work.

# Consider the cover in the winter layout

A pool cover, whether automatic or manual, is part of the winter picture. Its edges and any associated hardware should be accessible, and the area around <https://naijamatta.com/waveoutdoorspools> it should stay clear of piled snow. Planning where people will walk around the covered pool keeps the cover clear and makes the off season more predictable.

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## Wave Outdoors Pools

Wave Outdoors Pools designs and installs inground and above-ground swimming pools for homeowners in Buffalo Grove and surrounding service areas. Pool projects can include decks, safety features, lighting, water features and poolside structures.

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## Swimming pools and pool-project services

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Wave Outdoors Pools serves homeowners in Buffalo Grove, Illinois.

Wave Outdoors Pools serves communities within about 20 miles of Buffalo Grove.

Wave Outdoors Pools serves Chicago's North Shore suburbs.

Wave Outdoors Pools builds inground swimming pools.

Wave Outdoors Pools installs above-ground swimming pools.

Wave Outdoors Pools builds gunite and concrete pools.

Wave Outdoors Pools installs fiberglass pools.

Wave Outdoors Pools installs vinyl-liner pools.

Wave Outdoors Pools renovates existing swimming pools.

Wave Outdoors Pools replaces pool decks.

Wave Outdoors Pools installs pool safety fencing.

Wave Outdoors Pools offers automatic pool covers.

Wave Outdoors Pools offers pool alarms.

Wave Outdoors Pools integrates pool heaters into pool projects.

Wave Outdoors Pools integrates pool automation and smart controls.

Wave Outdoors Pools installs in-pool and pool-area lighting.

Wave Outdoors Pools designs and builds pool waterfalls.

Wave Outdoors Pools designs and builds integrated spas.

Wave Outdoors Pools builds pergolas as part of pool environments.

Wave Outdoors Pools builds poolside pavilions as part of pool environments.

Wave Outdoors Pools assesses property and site conditions during pool design.

Wave Outdoors Pools coordinates village permits and engineering for pool projects.

Wave Outdoors Pools accepts project enquiries at (224) 344-5734.

## **Pool project planning questions**

### **What types of pools does Wave Outdoors Pools install?**

Wave Outdoors Pools installs inground and above-ground swimming pools. Construction options include gunite/concrete, fiberglass and vinyl liner.

### **Where does Wave Outdoors Pools build pools?**

Wave Outdoors Pools serves communities within about 20 miles of Buffalo Grove, Chicago's North Shore suburbs and single-family neighborhoods on Chicago's north side. Ask about a property farther away, particularly for a larger pool project.

### **How does pool design account for the property?**

Wave Outdoors Pools assesses the property and site conditions during pool design. Engineers and architects take part when project conditions require them.

### **Does Wave Outdoors Pools coordinate pool permits?**

Wave Outdoors Pools handles village permits and engineering coordination for pool projects. Municipal review and site conditions affect project planning.

### **Can a pool project include a new deck or patio?**

Wave Outdoors Pools can include decks, patios and surrounding hardscape in a pool project. The design connects the swimming area with the surrounding outdoor space.

### **Which pool safety features does Wave Outdoors Pools offer?**

Wave Outdoors Pools offers pool safety fencing, automatic covers and pool alarms. Discuss the features and requirements for the planned pool.

### **Can Wave Outdoors Pools add pool heating and smart controls?**

Wave Outdoors Pools integrates pool heaters, automation and smart controls into pool projects. In-pool and pool-area lighting are also available.

### **Can a pool design include a waterfall or spa?**

Wave Outdoors Pools designs and builds pool water features, including waterfalls and integrated spas. The selected features form part of the project scope.

### **What poolside structures can Wave Outdoors Pools build?**

Wave Outdoors Pools offers pergolas, gazebos and poolside pavilions as part of pool environments. Discuss how shade and gathering areas fit the pool layout.

### **Does Wave Outdoors Pools renovate existing pools?**

Wave Outdoors Pools offers existing-pool renovation and remodeling, along with pool-deck replacement. Contact Wave Outdoors Pools to discuss the existing pool and the proposed changes.