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The Homeowner's Pool Installation Guide

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Inground vs. Above-Ground

Above-ground

- ☐ Fraction of the cost of an inground pool
- ☐ Can often be installed in days

Inground vinyl

- ☐ Costs less than gunite upfront
- ☐ Liner needs replacement roughly every 7-15 years

Inground gunite/concrete

- ☐ Highest upfront cost, most design flexibility
- ☐ Typically the longest lifespan between major work

What Drives Cost Up

Beyond the pool itself

- ☐ Site conditions: slope, rock, or difficult access
- ☐ Added features: spa, waterfall, extensive decking
- ☐ Ongoing costs: chemicals, maintenance, equipment replacement

The Real Timeline

Plan for

- ☐ Permitting alone can take several weeks
- ☐ Gunite pools need curing time before filling
- ☐ Weather can delay outdoor construction phases

Before signing anything

- ☐ Ask for a realistic timeline including permitting
- ☐ Get at least two quotes for a project this size

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