

Children treat the edge of a pool as a seat, a <https://wakelet.com/@waveoutdoorspools> launch point and a place to dangle their feet while they decide whether to get in. Adults sit there too, but children use the edge constantly and in less predictable ways. Designing those edges with that use in mind makes the pool more comfortable and helps adults supervise more easily.

Recognize where children gather

Children tend to cluster near the shallow end, around entry steps and along any edge that offers a good view of what is happening in the water. Those areas see the most sitting, standing and climbing. When planning the deck, it helps to identify where children are likely to gather and treat those edges as the most heavily used part of the pool surround.

Make the edge comfortable to sit on

A pool edge that children sit on for long stretches should feel comfortable on bare legs. Very rough textures can scrape skin, while very smooth surfaces can feel slippery when wet. The edge material and finish should balance comfort with grip. Heat matters as well, because some surfaces become uncomfortable in strong sun. Choosing a material that stays reasonably comfortable on warm days makes the edge more usable through the summer.

Keep the area behind the edge clear

When children sit on the edge, they need space behind them to swing their legs out and stand up without bumping into furniture or other people. Lounge chairs placed tight against the pool edge leave no room for that movement. Keeping a band of clear deck behind the edge where children gather gives them space and keeps the walking route open for adults moving around the pool.

Plan for supervision

Adults supervising children need a clear view of the edges where children sit, stand and climb in and out. Seating for supervisors works best when it faces the shallow end and the main entry points, close enough to respond quickly but far enough back to avoid splashes. Structures, planters or furniture that block the line of sight between supervisors and the pool edge make supervision harder. Planning the view from supervisor seating is as important as planning the edge itself.

Think about the transition from deck to water

The edge is where children move between dry and wet. A clearly defined edge, visible in color or texture, helps them recognize where the deck ends. That visibility matters most for younger children and in low light. At the same time, the edge should not create an abrupt change in level or an unexpected lip that catches toes. A clean, consistent edge supports confident movement.

Steps and benches near the edge

Entry steps and built-in benches near the shallow end give children alternative places to sit that are partly in the water. These features can reduce crowding along the deck edge and give children a place to rest while staying

close to adults. Placing them where supervisors can see them clearly keeps the arrangement working for both children and adults.

Plan for growing children

Children's use of the pool edge changes as they grow. Younger children sit and paddle, while older children may jump, race and climb in and out more often. The deck design should anticipate that progression with space and visibility that stay useful as the household's children get older. Planning for that change from the start avoids needing to redesign the edges a few years later.

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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.

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Wave Outdoors Pools builds gunite and concrete pools.

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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.