



- Buying Guide

Your sparkling new spa begins with you!

If you're intent on buying a hot tub, you have a lot to look forward to. Your hot tub can be a relaxing escape, therapy for athletic recovery and performance, a family bonding spot, an inner sanctum for deep thought, a place to connect with your spouse, the centerpiece for social gatherings, or all of the above.

The benefits and enjoyment of hot water therapy and massage from powerful jets are well documented. Hot tubs have come a long way from when the Japanese dropped hot stones into wooden tubs. Still, while LED-light-infused water columns, precision neck-and-shoulder jets, and water cascades make hot tub ownership thrilling, buyers should carefully review many features to determine which best fit their needs and lifestyle.

This guide will help you learn to choose the right spa to enrich your life.



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YOUR GOALS & PRIORITIES

To start your selection process, let's clarify your priorities.
Which primary goal fits your situation?



Athletic performance & recovery

Look for an abundance of jets

- More jets can offer a more intense massage and better workout recovery
- Special seating adds to the hydromassage experience, like a lounge with six jets on calf muscles and two on feet bottoms

Entertainment & socialization

Focus on features

- The more bling the better! Water features, ambient LED lighting or a stereo system can add club-like ambiance
- Ramp up the fun with seating that everyone will want to try

Family time!

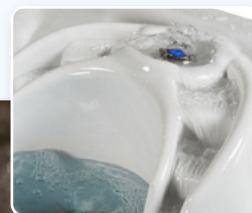
Make sure the spa size fits your family

- Don't forget to consider friends. A 6-person or 7-person spa could fill up fast
- A lower number of jets may help you save on energy costs, a benefit many families appreciate
- Kids of all ages love columns, cascades, and waterfalls, particularly in color

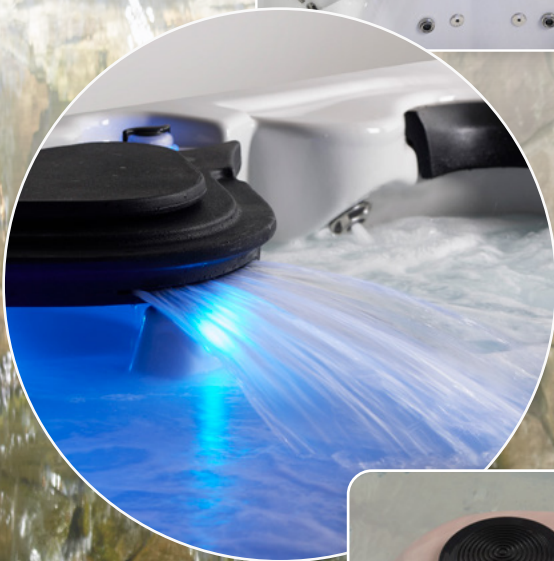
Therapy

All about the massage

- Prioritize energy efficiency and insulation to keep the water at your desired temperature at all times



OPTIONS TO CONSIDER



Number of Jets

- 12 - 115

Types of Jets

- Adjustable
- Blower
- Neck and shoulder

Seating Styles

- Lounge
- Captain's chairs
- Bench

Pump Choices

- 2BHP
- 5BHP
- 2x5BHP
- 3 Styles (Only in Alexandria Acrylic Model)

Spa Accessories

- LED-lighted water columns
- Water cascade
- Waterfall
- Ambient LED lighting
- Stereo system
- Built-in ice bucket
- UV protection
- Drink tray

YOUR THERAPEUTIC NEEDS



Stress reduction & sleep support

- Warm water can lower blood pressure and slow heart rate
- Relax and trigger healthy sleep
- Spend time in nature
- Enjoy relaxing natural sounds of water

A lounge chair raises feet. Rest your head on the lounge cushion for a glorious full-sky view.

Arthritis, nerve pain & other pain management

- Warm water may loosen joints and reduce inflammation
- Hydrotherapy can improve circulation and promote healing

Today's most energy efficient spa covers maintain water temperature so you can enjoy frequent use of your hot tub.

Flexibility & muscle pain management

- Warm water may relax muscles and increase flexibility
- Warm water may increase circulation for faster recovery
- Many pain sufferers say their hot tub is a source of natural pain relief

More powerful jets can mimic acupuncture.

Wellness

- Relaxation decreases levels of cortisol
- Warm water can improve flexibility and provide resistance

A premium spa has more advanced insulation, which keeps the spa ready for use.



YOUR SPACE & POWER AVAILABILITY

Space

The hot tub will arrive wrapped, and its size is typically about 8' x 8' with the packing materials. Let the installer know of any sidewalks, sharp turns, gates, rain gutters or branches that could pose a challenge. Leave enough space around the hot tub to allow access to the electrical equipment inside the tub for future maintenance.

The hot tub should be installed on a level surface strong enough to support the tub and 250 - 480 gallons of water. An existing deck or patio can be a good choice, but there are other options, too, including a concrete slab, paver stones, a prefabricated pad made for hot tubs, or packed gravel.

Power

The electrical power you need will depend on your hot tub. Some models require up to a 240V / 60A GFCI breaker. Other models are Plug & Play 120V/15A operation.

- **If your home is rented, or subject to HOA rules, find out if 240-volt outlets are allowed**
- **Electrical modifications should be done by a licensed electrician.**



YOUR BUDGET

Thanks to advances in materials and technology, MyHotTub.com can deliver luxurious, beautiful hot tubs with sophisticated technology to families on any budget.



Premium models

Families who want top of the line features and luxury can expect to spend \$5,000 to \$7,000 or more for the spa and accessories they want. In this price range, you'll get an acrylic series hot tub with advanced insulation and features like ergonomic seating for up to 7 people, ambient lighting, water cascades, and the highest numbers of jets.

Midline models

A midline model costs about \$4,000 to \$5,000. In this price range, you'll get an acrylic series hot tub with advanced insulation, ambient lighting, water features, and plenty of health- and relaxation promoting jets.

Value models

For about \$2,000 to \$3,000, you can purchase a high quality resin series hot tub with seating for up to 6 people. These are lighter weight hot tubs that are great for warmer climates. They have fewer jets and plenty of fun.

Hot tub dealer financing

MyHotTub.com provides easy hot tub financing through Green Sky, a Better Business Bureau A+ Rated lender. Many buyers find a payment of between \$75 and \$150 per month fits easily in their budget.

Hot tub delivery costs

MyHotTub.com delivers all units for FREE!

Hot tub energy usage costs

Hot tubs typically cost from \$20 to \$40 per month to run. Hot tubs cost more to heat in the winter than the summer, and larger hot tubs cost more to heat than smaller ones.



A SAFE & HEALTHY WATER CARE SYSTEM



[MyHotTub.com](https://www.MyHotTub.com) offers spas with or without an Ozonator. Chlorine and bromine both do excellent jobs removing bacteria from your spa water. The Ozonator compliments the work of these chemicals so you can use less of them.

The Ozonator is a device that produces ozone gas (O₃), a natural purifier that breaks down and oxidizes oils, suntan lotions, and sweat from spa water. When this gas hits the spa water, it kills bacteria 50 times faster than chlorine or bromine. Once the ozone moves to the water's surface, it quickly transforms into harmless oxygen (O₂). Spa owners typically replace their Ozonators once every two years.

Your [MyHotTub Spa Owner's Manual](#) contains all the information you need to maintain your spa and spa water.



YOUR AESTHETICS

MyHotTub.com offers a wide selection of attractive, luxurious cabinets, shells, and styles at affordable prices. Your spa model will either be made from resin or acrylic. Resin has a more buffed finish, and acrylic is glossy. Sleek and modern or rustic and rich, all of our hot tub exteriors are customizable.

For **resin models** there are two color choices: cobblestone (tan) and granite (gray). Because the entire spa is molded in one piece, both the shell and the cabinet are the same color.



The acrylic series offers these options:

Sterling Silver
Sonoma Redwood



Tuscan Sun
Sonoma Redwood



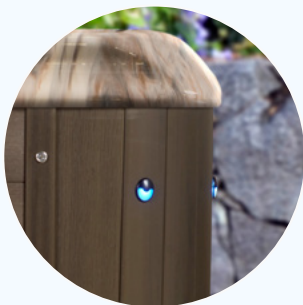
Storm Clouds
Sonoma Redwood



Sterling Silver
Outerbanks Grey



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YOUR ENERGY USAGE

If environmental sustainability is a priority, you can make choices to lower the energy usage that comes with spa ownership.



MyHotTub.com spa design and materials are carefully chosen and engineered for maximum heat retention. When the power-usage is set to economy mode, you can set the spa to come on thirty minutes to one hour before you typically use it.

Energy saving tips

- Invest in an excellent cover
- Keep filters clean
- Understand temperature modes
- Use air valves sparingly



COMMON HOT TUB SHOPPING PITFALLS

Don't underestimate popularity

Many owners find that as soon as a hot tub is installed, friends and family come over a lot more often. Think about the number of people who might enjoy the hot tub and avoid regretting that you didn't buy a bigger one.

Don't skimp on the cover

Buy a cover that will be easy to remove and replace, and that is an excellent fit. The cover is your best defense against heat loss and high operating costs.

Don't make your decision based on price tag alone

Consider the value you will get from your hot tub for many years to come. Your pain relief and improved sleep, for example, are worth an investment.

Don't get stuck with a lemon

Make sure your hot tub comes with a generous warranty that covers parts and labor to replace any parts that fail within the warranty's time limit.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What's the difference between resin and acrylic in a hot tub?

The resin hot tub is "roto-molded"—the inner shell and outer cabinet are all formed from the same piece. This style of manufacture makes the resin models more affordable and extremely durable. Its buff surface appeals to some buyers. The acrylic shell, on the other hand, is formed separately from the cabinet and inserted into it. Some buyers prefer the lustrous shine and variety of colors available.

Who needs a 5BHP pump and who should stick with a 2HP pump?

Those looking for vigorous, full-body hydrotherapy massage should consider models with the 5BHP pump. Users looking for relaxation and socialization are often completely satisfied with the 2HP pump.

Will health insurance cover my hot tub?

Possibly. Health insurance pays for the purchase price of a new hot tub only when a doctor recommends it to treat a documented medical condition like joint injury, poor circulation or arthritis. An accident resulting in chronic pain can be another rationale for hot tub purchase.

A doctor's note doesn't get far, however, when the insurance policy excludes hot tub coverage completely. If your insurance isn't clear on the issue, you can file a claim. Keep in mind, too, that a hot tub may qualify as necessary medical equipment. Sometimes, the other party's accident insurance will pay for the hot tub.

Should I get a lounger or all captain's chairs?

The lounger lets you lean back and gaze at the sky while the water works its wonders. Because jets are placed in different formations on the lounger than the captain's chairs, having a lounger means you can choose from two massage styles. The non-lounger model has more seating. If you have a big family or you expect guests often, consider a style with more seats.

Are used hot tubs a good investment?

While you can find a well-loved hot tub, buying used can be risky. First, unless you know the previous owner personally, you don't know how well the hot tub was maintained. Also, your choice is limited to the hot tubs available, and you certainly won't be able to find one with state-of-the-art features. Keep in mind that there will be no delivery service and no warranty when you buy from a private seller.

Do hot tubs kill Covid-19 virus?

We'll let the Centers for Disease Control answer this one: ***"There is no evidence that the virus that causes COVID-19 can spread directly to humans from water in pools, hot tubs or spas, or water play areas. Proper operation, maintenance, and disinfection (for example, with chlorine or bromine) of pools, hot tubs or spas, and water playgrounds should kill the virus that causes COVID-19."***

Can hot tub water get cold?

By opening the air valves on the surface of your spa, you can cool your water down. Many athletes alternate cold and hot water baths to speed recovery. Cold water will take time to reheat, usually about a day.

Are hot tubs safe?

Today's hot tubs must meet high standards for health and safety set by government and industry organizations (ANSI/PHTA.) Manufacturers engineer and design many features to make them as safe as possible. Slip-proof steps, temperature controls and advanced water care systems help homeowners have a healthy hot tub experience.



At [MyHotTub.com](https://www.mychottub.com), we create the most enjoyable and complete hot tub experience possible. We begin with our high-quality made-in-the-USA hot tubs, but we don't stop there... offering spa accessories, parts, installation, service, and an attentive customer service team. Shop with confidence online or in our stores.

