

## Pool Accessories

Unless you are made of hardier stuff than me - or you have a Pool heater and pool cover - you'll close your pool for the winter around the end of September. If you made good use of your pool this summer you'll be miss it before too long. You have to wait seven or eight months before you can re-use it so why not put that time to use in maintenance, or even fit some of the new, modern systems that are available for pools these days? Now is the time to acid-wash the tiles and do the grout repairs, change the sand in the filter or repair the pool-surround.

Just a few ears ago private pools were the preserve of the screechingly rich, and most pools had basically the same equipment. Nowadays the market is so huge that many fertile minds have put thought into how they can tap into it. The range of accessories is growing year by year; so spoil yourself this winter.

Below are a few little pool 'extras' - to let you get even more out of your pool next season.

**Ozone sanitation** – generates ozone from the air by electric arc. Powerful sanitiser with little or no need for chlorine. You must run the pump longer, but this type of system simple to fit and once installed there is no need for chlorine.

**Silver Ionisation** –produces pool water of drinking quality; no need for regular chlorine, simple to install.

**Saltwater chlorinator** – makes chlorine gas from dissolved salt; feels like you're swimming in liquid silk.

**pH controller** –Pools are easy to maintain when pH is correct. These little beauties keep pH spot on, are simple to install and will save you money in the long run.

**Slides/Springboards** – good fun, but only if your pool is deep enough to use them safely.

**Automatic pool cleaner** – your tireless assistant. Doesn't check the chemicals or clean the sand filter but does a great job of the vacuuming.

**Katchakid Pool Safety Net** – Worlds' bestselling pool safety system – simple to use and 100% safe.

**Pool lighting** – transforms the pool by night and makes it safe to swim in the evenings. (Don't use an unlit pool at night because you can't see if anyone is in trouble.) Low-profile 12v lights can be installed without major works but the pool needs to be empty. If you're going to retro-fit lights install.....

**LED colour-change lighting** – awesome! It does the safety job of normal lights in a breathtaking way. Pool water slowly changes through all the colours of the rainbow. It's also easy to replace the old PAR56 bulbs (from existing niche-type pool lights) with a new LED bulb

**Heating** – it makes sense to fit a heater and have the use of your pool all year, but you will also need a.....

**Bubble Pool Cover** – to keep most of the muck out and 99% of the heat in. It lets you swim earlier in spring and late into the autumn, with or without a heater.

**Tropical Fish** – Liquid pool cover. Cheap as chips & 75% as effective as a bubble cover. No roller needed.

**Automatic Pool Cover** – fit one when you've won the lottery or if you're too idle to use a manual cover. Expect very little change out of your life savings.

**Fountain or cascade** – cools the pool in the heat of the summer.

**Counter-current pump** – swim for miles in the smallest of pools, at a speed to suit yourself.

**AquaKlear** – Patented British system uses radio technology to sanitise, flocculate and remove lime scale. Saves on water, chemicals and electricity. Inexpensive and a doddle to fit.

**Steps** – not *that* much of an innovation but a great place to relax with a sherbet or two in the summer.

**Polycarbonate drinking glasses** – much safer than the ordinary type. **Never** allow glassware near the pool.

You will be unsurprised to learn that we can supply any or all of the above.

We also give free advice on pool-related questions.