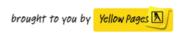
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## Heat a swimming pool



A new pool is quite a hefty financial commitment, so you want to get the absolute most out of your investment, Luckily, some great innovations in temperature control mean your pool can now be enjoyed all year round.

There are heaters with digital thermostats that continually monitor the temperature of the pool and turn the heater on and off as required. There are also general control systems that regulate almost every aspect of the pool, including temperature.

### Swimming pool heating control

"Control systems can be mounted inside the house, under the patio or within the pool area," says Jack from Majestic Pools. The installation of such devices adds up to maximum usability of your pool.

For those with busy lifestyles, the latest remote systems are a godsend. "The idea is to allow the user to control the pool systems from wherever they are, either by telephone or via an internet connection from laptops or appropriate mobile phones," explains

"These systems allow owners to dial up their pool and backyard to set the mood for arriving home ... they control spa temperature and pool temperature."

#### Cooling a pool down

Those living in warmer climates often have the problem of the temperature of the pool getting a little too high at times. Heat pumps with cooling features can work wonders in such a situation, "kind of like an airconditioner for your pool," says Jack. "Most good heat pumps in fact keep water temperature constant all year round, and only turn on or

#### Solar heated pools

While solar heating has often been the preferred option for many people due to its money-saving qualities, Jack feels that is becoming less popular because of the development of these other innovations.

"With alternative and more effective means of heating becoming cheaper each season, solar heating is becoming less prominent for heating swimming pools.

One reason for this is that solar heating tends to be extremely reliant on direct sunlight (excluding cloudy days) and, depending on the specific situation, generally only extends the swimming season by two to three months per year."

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