



## 7 ways to reduce the expense of a pool

1. **Optimize pump run time** by figuring out times of day/night to run to reduce electricity cost. Timers can be set to run a few hours during the day and a few hours at off peak times to reduce electricity cost. It is highly recommended to cycle your pool water once per day.
2. **Install a variable speed pump.** This can be an upfront cost but if the pump is set correctly it will save up to 90% on your electricity bill (results will vary). The upfront cost will typically pay for itself in a few years. Plus the motor will typically last much longer than a traditional single speed pump saving you repairs or replacement.
3. **Run heater sparingly** or at a lower temperature. A bypass can be installed so that in summertime when heat is not needed, you can turn the heater off entirely. Since no water would be going through the heater, this will also add to the lifespan of your expensive heat unit.
4. **Stay out of your local pool store.** Not knocking the big box pools stores but they tend to sell as much as they can to a customer that has a “problem”. Many times, the items sold are not necessary. It is best to keep up with your weekly cleaning and water balance to avoid issues in the first place. It may seem like a big cost to hire a weekly cleaning service but this actually saves you money, time, and headaches.
5. **Keep debris out of skimmer and pump basket and keep your filter clean.** This will allow your pump to work efficiently and your chemical demand to be lower resulting in savings. A pool should be cleaned, maintained and balanced at a minimum of once a week. Your filter should be cleaned 2x a year or as needed when the pressure dial goes up by 10psi.
6. **Install L.E.D. lightbulbs.** Another up front cost that will save in the long run. These lights use 50-90% less energy compared to traditional incandescent lights and last longer. Also, make sure your light timers are set properly.
7. **Keep chemicals in balance** to avoid the use of expensive additives. The better your water chemistry is maintained, the less chemicals that need to be added overall.

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