



## Glossary of Terms

### These definitions are used in the Awards of Excellence entry process:

**Aboveground/Onground Swimming Pool:**

A removable pool of any shape that can be readily disassembled or stored and reassembled.

**Automatic Safety Cover:**

A power cover with tracks that can be operated by a key or by an electronically controlled electric motor.

**Classic Residential Pool:**

A pool ten or more years old that has not had any significant cosmetic changes, accessory additions or modernizations.

**Concrete Spa:**

A permanently installed unit with hydromassage jets that is constructed out of concrete (gunite, shotcrete, etc.). May or may not be attached to a pool.

**Fiberglass Pool:**

Includes pools made of a one-piece shell, as well as pools with fiberglass and/or metal walls and concrete or rolled glass floor.

**Freeform:**

Refers to a style of design that combines non-geometric curves and/or straight lines to form the pool's shape.

**Geometric:**

Refers to a style of design that combines straight lines and angles, and/or radius curves to form the pool's shape.

**Hot Tub:**

A unit with hydromassage jets that is manufactured from prefabricated materials at a factory. Hot tubs may be "self-contained" or "non-self-contained."

**Non-self-contained Hot Tub:**

Also known as a “hot tub shell,” this type of hot tub is permanent once installed. The pump, heater and filter are located separately—they are not an integral part of the unit.

**Self-contained Hot Tub:**

Also known as a “portable hot tub.” Surrounded by a cabinet that houses the controls, the pump, heater and filter. Portable hot tubs can be moved to another location and reinstalled.

**Man-made:**

Made by humans rather than occurring in nature.

**Natural:**

Refers to a pool of any shape or design that incorporates a natural setting (e.g., woods, desert, or mountain setting) and natural water and/or landscape features (e.g., rock waterfalls, streambeds, koi ponds).

**Pool Renovation:**

An installation that has undergone cosmetic changes, accessory add-ons or modernizations. Includes both residential and commercial installations. The original pool must be in some existence.

**Public Pool:**

Open to the public and constructed for recreational use and/or competitive swimming. Includes water parks.

**Semipublic Pool:**

Nonresidential pool such as a pool built for a hotel/motel or apartment complex.

**Swim Spa:**

Hot tub or spa that has a means of producing a swimming current in a portion of the vessel. Can be manufactured from prefabricated materials at a factory or constructed out of concrete (gunite, shotcrete, etc.).

**Traditional:**

Refers to pools with the following shapes: “rectangle,” “Roman-ended,” “Grecian-ended.”

**Vanishing Edge:**

Water feature detail in which water flows over the edge of at least one of the pool walls and is collected in a catch basin.

**Vinyl-lined Pool:**

Installation that features a vinyl liner that forms the finish on the wall frame and floor.

**Water Feature:**

Non-bathing water feature such as a fountain, not connected to or part of a swimming pool, used only for aesthetic purposes.