

5 Trees to Avoid Around The Pool



Excess Pool Debris and Root Problems

Having nice shade trees around a swimming pool can make your landscape stand out, however you must choose your plants and trees carefully.

Excess pool debris can derive from trees with lots of 'leaf litter', excessive pollen, berries or budding debris can cause extra work for you and your pool filter.

In addition trees with large root systems can damage pool walls, pool plumbing and decks.

The Worst Trees Are

Some trees are constantly shedding buds, flowers, leaves and bark. With a little wind, this can fill your pool with debris. Deciduous trees are not necessarily bad, but will give the backyard a bare appearance during winter. Small leaves from a willow or maple tree can be fairly manageable but large leaves can clog skimmers and cleaners. Most trees grow root systems of about the same size as the tree branch systems. Some trees have very aggressive roots that can damage pool walls or vinyl liners when planted too close to in ground pool. In some instances the tree becomes so large it can break up concrete structures.

The worst trees to plant around a pool include:

1. Ash
2. Cottonwood
3. Elm
4. Eucalyptus
5. Mulberry
6. Oak
7. Pine
8. Poplar
9. Walnut Trees
10. The Best Trees Are

The best trees to plant around a pool include:

1. Acacia
2. Banana
3. Citrus
4. Evergreens (arbor vitae, cypress, spruce)
5. Holly and Magnolia (also evergreen)
6. Olive trees (non fruit bearing)
7. Oleander (actually a large bush)

I don't like to clean my pool gutters and traps. I'd rather be lounging by the pool, drinking a cool beverage under your shade tree. Debris from plants and trees is common, but can be minimized with the a little landscape planning and good placement around your pool. Ryno Lawn Care offers landscape design services and maintenance for your home or business. Call now or click here for a free consultation.



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Ash Tree

Small leaves and twigs are like to drop in high winds





Cotton Wood Tree

Many homeowners prefer cottonwood over various other plants, given its aesthetically pleasant appearance and its low maintenance. However, the cottonwood has a very shallow and soft root system. Its wood is prone to rotting, making it very unstable during severe storms.





Elm Tree

In addition to large debris from this tree, Elms have a large and aggressive root system that can damage drainage and plumbing around your pool.





Oak Tree

In addition to large debris from this tree, Oak trees grow large and can have a wide base over time. These trees also have a large and aggressive root system that can damage drainage and plumbing around your pool.





Pine Trees

Needle bearing Evergreen trees, large deciduous trees, and Crape Myrtles should be avoided. Larger leaves that end up in the swimming pool can complicate vacuuming and will put extra stress on the pool equipment. Finer needle that drop are known to sneak by the skimmer baskets and clog up your pool pump impellor.

