



# Spa Planning Checklist



## Prepare for a successful hot tub installation

### 1 Consider your spa location

- A site within ten feet of your door will ensure you enjoy your spa more often.
- Choose a spot that can support a water-filled spa, which depending on size can range from 2,000 to nearly 8,000 pounds.
- An even surface with proper slope drainage will allow rain and splashing water to flow away from the foundation.
- Ensure that walls or structures do not block the door to spa components, allowing easy access for maintenance.
- What will you see from your spa? A well-landscaped yard or a blank wall? The right view can enhance your spa experience.
- Consider your privacy. Trees, shrubs, and fences offer screening so you can better enjoy your backyard retreat.
- If you aren't sure whether a hot tub will fit, call your local dealer for a free consultation.

## 2 Think clean

- ❑ Choose a location away from falling leaves and other debris.
- ❑ Avoid a place where rain gutters may overflow or where wind tends to deposit yard material.
- ❑ Lay a clear path to prevent feet from tracking dirt and grit into your spa.

## 3 Choose the foundation

- ❑ A reinforced concrete slab that is at least 4 inches thick, which can support at least 120 pounds per square foot.
- ❑ A prefabricated spa pad made of interlocking pieces combines strength with convenience.
- ❑ A gravel base can provide an affordable option.
- ❑ A deck can support a spa; consult with structural engineer or contractor.

## 4 Power your spa

- ❑ All 230 volt Caldera spas include a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) sub-panel to ensure that every installation complies with the National Electric Code.
- ❑ Engage a licensed electrician to install a manual disconnect device no more than five feet from your spa.
- ❑ Check your municipality for other power-related safety codes.

## 5 Plan for a smooth installation

- ❑ Some communities also have codes requiring fences and self-closing gates around spas. Check with your town or city to see what codes apply to you.
- ❑ Use your tape measure to plan a delivery route from where the spa will be taken off the truck to its final location.
- ❑ Determine the outside dimensions of your hot tub, including any protective material to ensure it will fit through gates, doors, steps and eaves.
- ❑ Measure the width of any gates, doors and steps.
- ❑ Take note of gas or water meters or air conditioning units along the path.
- ❑ Measure the clearance under the eaves as well as any overhanging tree branches.

Have questions or need assistance with your spa installation? [Contact your local Caldera Spas dealer.](#)

