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plan to make a *splash!*

WHO TALKS ABOUT SWIMMING POOLS IN JANUARY? I do, I do! Let me explain. If this pandemic has taught us anything it is that people want pools in their yards. My neighborhood alone had 42 requests for pool additions this year. This number does not include new builds. The pool industry reports that pool sales are up 25.13% 2021 over 2020. While it may sound like a lovely addition you plan to make I highly recommend setting the goal now. Today.

why?

- When putting in a pool you want a reputable company with great referrals. Those companies are booked first. Get on their calendar now. I have a friend in Florida who ended up with a company that did such an awful job they had to start over. Quality is important!

- When you plan a pool, it involves landscaping. If the landscaper and the pool company work together you save the time and expense of doing things twice. You

save the best trees and foliage that you have before the cranes show up. Often current trees are moved to accommodate the pool, but your landscaper may want to use in another location. Better to move than bulldoze.

- You may also want help choosing the finishes, and furniture so that your home flows from the inside to the outside as one cohesive space. If you bring your interior designer in earlier

some other considerations to discuss with your design team:

- How many people will need to be accommodated around the pool?
- Dining space, lounging space or both?
- Do you need to add an outdoor kitchen?
- Do you need a shallow area for sunbathing? Hot tub? Waterfall?
- Do you need a storage area for furniture or cushions?
- What lighting is needed?
- Do you have little ones that need protection from the pool?
- Do you need a fence to protect yourself against an attractive nuisance liability?
- What are your neighborhood bylaws on additions?
- How do you value beauty over maintenance? 🍷

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She feels the composition of a space must originate with the client's unique perspective. Along with that perspective she brings together her team's collaboration, design skills and refined processes in a way which results in truly captivating homes for her clients.

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