

# SPA INSTALLATION QUESTIONS



Before your spa is delivered, there are considerations that must be weighed to ensure a safe and secure installation. Here are some common questions and general answers to help guide you through the process. Be sure to follow all directions exactly as they are printed in the Owner's Manual that accompanies your spa.

## Do I need a permit?

If you are building an addition to your home, running additional electrical lines, or building a deck to rest your spa on, you may be in need of a building permit. Consult your local municipality to determine if you are required to have one before your spa is installed. In addition, a few local municipalities may have fencing or barrier requirements before you may install your spa. Consult your local building department for these requirements.

## What kind of surface is required?

Your spa must be placed on a flat, level, sturdy surface. Either a wood decking material (the deck must support 100 lbs. per sq. ft.; consult a qualified builder) or a concrete pad are strongly recommended. Other materials that may work are crushed rock, garden "pre-cast" stones and railroad ties. However these materials are not officially recommended and MUST be able to secure the spa and keep it level to work. Otherwise damage may occur from too much torque on the spa due to the unevenness of the ground material. In this case, warranty on the structure could be voided. Your local dealer should be happy to supply you with consultation on your proposed location.

## How do I determine the best location for my spa?

There are many things to consider prior to locating your spa. The following list covers some of the more common factors involved in choosing the ideal location.

### Outdoor installation:

- The view from your house.
- Your ability to supervise the spa.
- Wind direction and exposure to sunlight.
- Location relative to trees (falling leaves and shade).
- Storage area for maintenance equipment and chemicals (storing chemicals inside your spa will void the warranty).
- Landscaping and evening lighting.

### Indoor considerations:

- Walls, ceiling, flooring, and woodwork must be able to withstand high humidity.
- You may need cross-ventilation fans or oversized dehumidifiers (or both) to remove excess humidity.
- Spa chemicals in the air may corrode certain metals in your home.
- Floor drains are needed to carry off water splashed from the spa.
- Recessed spas must be positioned to permit servicing from above or below floor.
- Water is heavy. If a spa is placed on flooring or decking, be sure the structure is strong enough to support the added weight.
- Due to the many precautions that must be taken to avoid damage to the surrounding environment from humidity and water inherent with spa use, it is usually prudent to avoid a second story location that may be above finished living space.

## How should I prepare for the delivery?

Although your dealer may have been hired or is responsible for delivery, you may want to consider the following tips to make the delivery as effortless for the dealer as possible. A well mapped out delivery insures no damage to either the deliverymen or the spa.

- Be sure that you plan out a good movement route to your desired location. Please take into consideration the dimensions of the spa you have chosen.
- Look to determine if there will be any impending permanent obstacle such as trees, a narrow gate, or other man-made devises in the way of the spa.
- Look to move any temporary and/or movable object(s) before the delivery occurs such as grills, patio furniture, temporary fences, etc.
- Be sure to consider how the spa will get back to the area you wish to place it. Unexpected costs such as cranes or a call for additional delivery men is not necessarily the fault of your dealer and determining whose responsibility it will be to pay for this additional cost will only damper the excitement you have been building for your spa's delivery.