

LOCATING YOUR SPA

Planning the Best Location

Safety First

Do not place your spa within 10 feet (3 m) of overhead power lines.

Consider How You Will Use Your Spa

How you intend to use your spa will help you determine where you should position it. For example, will you use your spa for recreational or therapeutic purposes? If your spa is mainly used for family recreation, be sure to leave plenty of room around it for activity. If you will use it for relaxation and therapy, you will probably want to create a specific mood around it.

Plan for Your Environment

If you live in a region where it snows in the winter or rains frequently, place the spa near a house entry. By doing this, you will have a place to change clothes and not be uncomfortable.

Consider Your Privacy

In a cold-weather climate, bare trees won't provide much privacy. Think of your spa's surroundings during all seasons to determine your best privacy options. Consider the view of your neighbors as well when you plan the location of your spa.

Provide a View with Your Spa

Think about the direction you will be facing when sitting in your spa. Do you have a special landscaped area in your yard that you find enjoyable? Perhaps there is an area that catches a soothing breeze during the day or a lovely sunset in the evening.

Keep Your Spa Clean

In planning your spa's location, consider a location where the path to and from the house can be kept clean and free of debris.

Prevent dirt and contaminants from being tracked into your spa by placing a foot mat at the spa's entrance where the bathers can clean their feet before entering your spa.

Allow for Service Access

Make sure the spa is positioned so that access to the equipment compartment and all side panels will not be blocked.

Many people choose to install a decorative structure around their spa. If you are installing your spa with any type of structure on the outside, such as a gazebo, remember to allow access for service. It is always best to design special installations so that the spa can still be moved, or lifted off the ground.

Preparing a Good Foundation

Your spa needs a solid and level foundation. The area that it sits on must be able to support the weight of the spa, with water and the occupants who use it. If the foundation is inadequate, it may shift or settle after the spa is in place, causing stress that could DAMAGE YOUR SPA SHELL AND FINISH.

Damage caused by inadequate or improper foundation support is not covered by the warranty. It is the responsibility of the spa owner to provide a proper foundation for the spa.

Place the spa on an elevated 3 to 4" / 30 cm concrete slab. Pavers, gravel, brick, sand, timbers or dirt foundations are **not** adequate to support the spa.

We strongly recommend that a qualified, licensed contractor prepare the foundation for your spa.

If you are installing the spa indoors, pay close attention to the flooring beneath it. Choose flooring that will not be damaged or stained.

If you are installing your spa on an elevated wood deck or other structure, it is highly recommended that you consult a structural engineer or contractor to ensure the structure will support the weight of 150 pounds per square foot (732 kg / m²).

To properly identify the weight of your new spa when full, remember water weighs 8.33 lbs. per gallon, or 1 kg per liter. For example, an average 8' spa holds approximately 500 gallons, or 1892 liters, of water. Using this formula, you will find that the weight of the water alone is 4,165 lbs, or 1892 kg. Combined with the dry weight of the spa you will note that this spa will weigh approximately 5,000 lbs, or 2267 kg, when full of water.

Clearance for Service Access

While you are planning where to locate your spa, you need to determine how much access you will need for service.

All spa models require a minimum of three feet / one meter access to the front of the spa for periodic service. For this reason, the spa should never be placed in a manner where the front is permanently blocked. Examples include placing the front of the spa against a building, structural posts or columns, or a fence.

Most spa models do not require service access to the back and can be placed where you wish. Other spa models require access to both the front and back in case they need service or repair. See the figures below.

If you are planning to enclose or surround your spa with a deck, make sure there is access for service or repair.

GETTING THE SPA INTO YOUR YARD

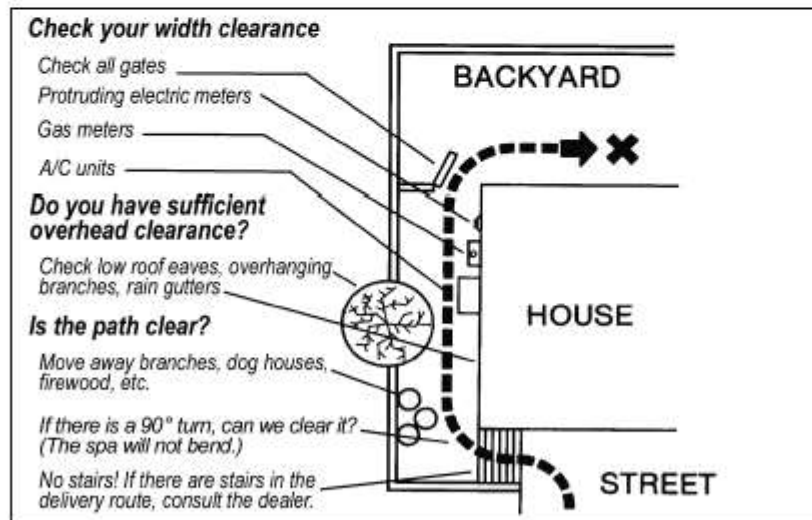
Check the Dimensions of Your New Spa

During delivery, the spa must remain on the delivery cart at all times. Compare the dimensions to the width of the gates, sidewalks, and doorways along the delivery route. It may be necessary for you to remove a gate or partially remove a fence in order to provide an unobstructed passageway to the installation location.

Plan the Delivery Route

Consider the following when planning your delivery route:

- Check the width of gates, doors and sidewalks to make sure your spa will pass through unobstructed. You may have to remove a gate or part of a fence to allow for adequate width clearance.
- Are there low roof eaves, overhanging branches or rain gutters that could be an obstruction to overhead clearance?
- 8' spas need at least 42" wide gate and 9' height clearance.
- If the delivery route will require a 90° turn, check the measurements at the turn to ensure the spa will fit.
- Are there protruding gas meters, water meters or A/C units on your home which will cause obstructions along the delivery path to your yard?
- Are there stairs in your delivery route? If so, you must consult your Cal Spas dealer prior to delivery to make adequate preparations.



Special Circumstances

The use of a crane for delivery and installation may become necessary if you are unable to provide an adequate delivery route. It is used primarily to avoid injury to your spa, your property or to delivery personnel. Your Cal Spas dealer may be able to assist you with the arrangements. If your spa delivery requires the use of a crane, the cost of a crane is generally not included in the standard delivery service.