



## Natural Gas Pool Heaters for Year-round Enjoyment

It's May – the temperature is warming up, but most swimming pools still feel like December. Wouldn't it be great to take a dive without the shock of cold water?

Stop letting the weather choose when your family can take a dip. It's your turn to decide with a natural gas pool heater.

"Heaters are a great option for any family that wants to extend the swimming season and time to enjoy their pool," explains Mark Tugman, owner of Athens Pool and Spa, who has 40 years of experience in the pool construction industry.

A quality pool heater can range between \$3,500 and \$5,000 plus the monthly energy expense. Add a pool heater into the cost of a new pool installation so you can enjoy more time in the water.

Monthly energy usage will fluctuate based on a number of factors including the size of the heater, operating time and outdoor temperature.

In extreme conditions, pool heaters can be expected to reach a desired temperature of 86 degrees for pools and 104 degrees for spas in approximately 24 hours.

Pool heaters can be purchased and set up by companies like Athens Pool and Spa, however a licensed plumber must connect the heater to a home's natural gas system.

### What Size Heater Do I Need?

HEATER SIZE	POOL SIZE
250,000 Btus	15' x 30'
350,000 Btus	20' x 40'
400,000 Btus	20' x 40' Plus Spa

Merriam Webster defines a British Thermal Unit (Btu) as the quantity of heat required to raise temperature of one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit.

Visit [athenspoolspa.com](http://athenspoolspa.com) for more information and details about purchasing a natural gas pool heater.

gas up  
the stove

## Fresh Strawberry Vinaigrette

Make a trip to the local strawberry patch to mix up a bottle of this yummy dressing.

2 cups strawberries,  
fresh or frozen  
¼ cup apple cider vinegar  
1 cup extra virgin olive oil  
sweetener of choice

It's  
prime time  
for berries in  
Georgia!



Combine strawberries and vinegar in a blender and purée. Add oil and continue to purée. Add sweetener and purée until all ingredients are combined.

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