



What You Need to Know

- What is the project budget all together and what portion of that budget is to be spent on a water slide?
- Depending on the size of the water slide project, required water flow will vary. Speak with your designer/builder before installing the plumbing and equipment for the slide project. By letting the pool designer know ahead of time what your plans are for the size and type of slide you plan on installing, they can address any design changes in plumbing size, pump location, and grade changes that might be required and can prevent a headache in the future.
- Know your budget and remember it before getting involved in a project that overwhelms you and your builder with added expenses.
- Ask about shipping rates. Dolphin ships one of two ways. The first and best way, is by contracting and coordinating the shipping thru a local privately owned company that does most of its contract shipping thru Dolphin WaterSlides. The drivers drive full size work trucks and deliver the slides using flat bed trailers 18' in length and under. We have a very good shipping program for our clients, and work directly with you on the shipping arrangements, so that Dolphin's products are delivered in a cost effective method, convenient delivery time, without having to destroy any more of your yard by pulling a huge 18 wheeler truck in and out. The second method of shipment is used for rushed deliveries and for extremely long trips that cannot be coordinated with another project. We then use Roadway to deliver your order, not only is Dolphin able to get a discounted rate through Roadway for the volumes of shipping we have, but unlike some companies, we pass that savings on to you, the customer. We know the value of these projects and in order to make sure your order arrives to you in the perfect condition we send it out in, Dolphin uses the sealed divider option for transporting directly from our facilities to you. No terminal stops or truck changing that poses a danger to the product.
- Safety is important. Keep in mind that your children, family, and friends will be depending on the slide you install to be fun, and in the back of your mind you'll know that it is also safe. Our designers will always warn of any potential safety issues of a particular slide design, and work with you until the project is exactly what you want, and includes the added safety of our experience. Not only is our designer's experience a very useful tool, but Dolphin also uses an outside engineering firm that can review the design and run all necessary calculations of the proposed project and approve or make added safety changes to the design, for an additional fee.
- For areas that have codes and regulations on what can and can't be added to a neighborhood pool, Dolphin will work with you to get the slide you want and keep the neighbors happy at the same time! You should always check on these regulations if they apply, before designing the slide.
- As you already know, Dolphin's water slides are built with the same procedures and high quality materials as any water park near you. These slides are heavier than the average pool

- slide, and require larger footings for supporting the slide. Typical pier details we provide are 24" diameter with reinforcement bars for long lasting stability. You will need to speak with your builder or have them contact Dolphin for plans for installing the piers.
- If you have a pool design that is existing, it is always helpful to provide us with as much info as possible by sending blueprints, scaled drawings, or even if your at the beginning of a project, fax us over a hand drawn sketch.
- Plan for the arrival of the slide. Several pool projects get off of the timeline used for getting to various stages of the pool project. Several factors play in and only a few percent go absolutely perfect. In this case, our water slides are manufacturing using a very high quality marine gel coat with protective UV additives and clean up very easily, so they can be delivered to the builder's warehouse or the homeowners backyard(if room permits) weeks or even months before its installed.
- Who is going to install the slide? Depending on pricing and preference the builder may install or a general contractor can be hired. Dolphin also offers an Installation Supervisor that will actually come to the pool project and help oversee the installation of the project, for an additional charge.
- How long does it take to get your custom slide? This all depend on the time of year and yes, how bad you need the project done. We are customer service all the way, right down to lead time on delivery.
- What are your ideas for the slide project? Let us know what your plans are with the slide you are looking for. Is there an existing slope that the slide can start off of and terminate into the pool? If not, what plans do you have for the slide? Maybe it can wrap around a waterfall, or come off of a balcony and terminate in the pool? There are several options and it's all up to you.

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