



## Designing the Backyard Oasis

**Situation:** Design mistakes can turn dream buildings into nightmares. A common complaint within the post-frame industry, "I wish I would have gone bigger." Other leading complaints include window placement, door sizes, and placement of doors—All of these are design related.

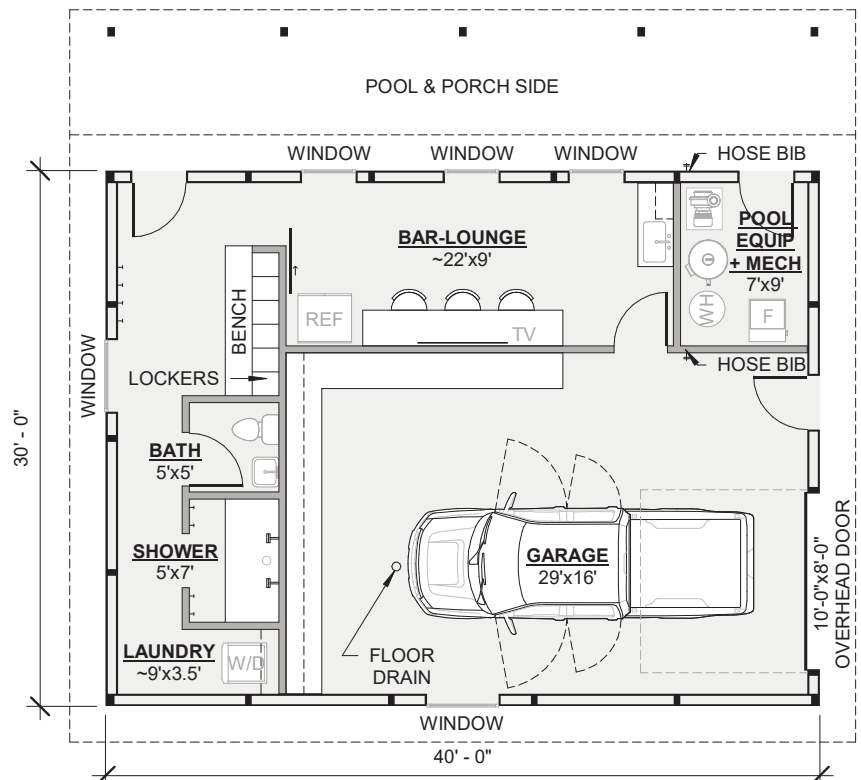
**Big Idea:** Designing and constructing purpose-built buildings for backyard pool houses is a core strength of Morton and how we create dream buildings for our customers.

**How it Works:** Over a series of conversations, a Morton Sales Consultant will visit with you to understand your wants and needs, assess the build site, and design a building tailored to how you intend to use the space now and in the future. Thinking through the interior layout will help ensure the proper amount and placement of windows and doors and avoid costly building modifications in the future.

**The Benefits:** Morton knows how to optimize the design of your pool house for efficiency and enjoyment. Let Morton provide the best flow in, out, and around the pool house so you can sit back, relax, and entertain your guests in a better looking, longer lasting building.

**Next Steps:** Finalize and approve the design.

This floorplan shows the Backyard Oasis as a pool house.





## Three Steps to Designing a Building Optimized for a Backyard Pool House

### 1 Design Guidelines. These tips provide an optimized layout for efficient, enjoyable, and productive use of your space.

RECOMMENDATION	BENEFIT
Pool-side porch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creates additional outdoor seating</li><li>• Provides protection from the elements</li></ul>
Place windows in high traffic or high use workspaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provides natural light</li><li>• Makes the space feel larger</li><li>• Provides ability to view and engage with family members &amp; guests</li><li>• Able to see a protected TV from pool</li><li>• Easy transfer of food &amp; beverages in and out</li></ul>
Walk door placement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multiple doors provide options and improve flow</li></ul>
Partition walls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create two spaces: Fun &amp; storage</li></ul>

### 2 Subcontracting Guidelines. Consider these popular mechanical, electrical, and plumbing needs for pool houses and the impact on the building design or construction process.

RECOMMENDATION	BENEFIT
Pool equipment placement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Easy access to maintenance &amp; repair items</li></ul>
Electrical: Dedicated pool equipment circuits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Separate electrical circuit for all pool equipment provides safety and ease of maintenance</li></ul>
Plumbing: Water faucets, floor drains, showers, bathrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Avoid having to enter the main residence with wet feet</li><li>• Easy clean up and water management in the storage area</li></ul>
Site Prep/Concrete: Exterior size equal to interior dimensions of the building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clean, smooth, dirt-free environment</li><li>• Creates outdoor staging areas to prepare for departure or storage</li></ul>

### 3 Interior Modules. Modules help buyers finalize building design faster.

WHAT MORTON DOES	BENEFIT
Designs and Engineers building with module placement in mind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduced total overall cost to the customer</li><li>• Faster overall building completion time</li><li>• Interior and exterior become seamless design vs. forcing interior layout to align with shell</li><li>• Ensures building code compliance when all construction is completed</li></ul>
Brings approved, insured external trade professionals to construct the module	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hassle free construction process as the Sales Consultant remains single point of contact</li><li>• Reduced time customer spends searching for, vetting, and confirming licenses and insurance for additional trades</li></ul>

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