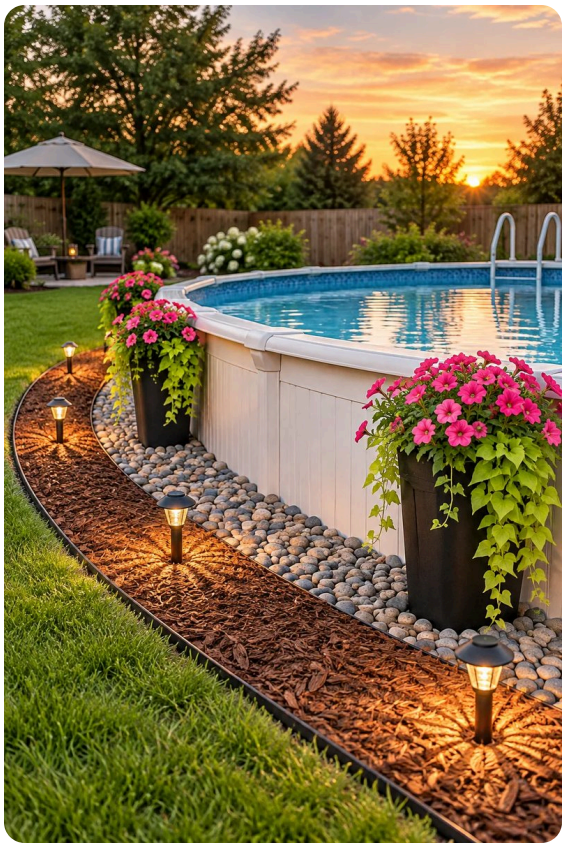
Above Ground Pool Landscaping

Build a beautiful, mud-free border around your pool this weekend.

Transform your backyard oasis with this layered border plan. Adjust these baseline quantities to fit your exact pool circumference for a custom built-in look.



Key Border Dimensions

12-18 in Drip-edge splash ring width	**2 in** No-dig lawn edging overlap
Every 4 ft Plastic spike spacing	**Min 24 in** Cedar mulch ring width
Halfway Rebar-anchored pots depth	**6-8 ft** Solar stake lights spacing

Protect your pool walls

Never place mulch directly against the metal pool wall; it traps moisture against the frame and rapidly causes irreversible rust.

Installation Order

1. **Build splash ring** Fill inner zone against pool wall with smooth river stones to catch runoff.
2. **Install plastic edging** Place a continuous physical barrier to keep heavy stones from migrating outward.
3. **Spread cedar mulch** Create a 3-inch deep outer border to suppress weeds and transition to lawn.
4. **Anchor the pots** Drive steel rebar and slide tall planters over the exposed metal.

Establish the Mower Boundary

Find your row: **Your mower deck size**

Your mower deck size	Your pick	Why
20-inch push mower	26 inches wide	Requires 6-inch buffer
22-inch push mower	28 inches wide	Requires 6-inch buffer
42-inch riding mower	48 inches wide	Requires 6-inch buffer

Site Checks & Prep

- ○ Measure exact pool circumference with flexible tape to adjust quantities.
- ○ Locate underground utility lines and pool plumbing before driving rebar.
- ○ Check local landscape supply yards for bulk delivery minimums.

Baseline List (24-ft pool)

- ☐ 15 bags of smooth river rock
- ☐ 6 boxes of no-dig edging
- ☐ 20 bags of natural cedar mulch
- ☐ 4 tall black resin planters
- ☐ 4 pieces of steel rebar
- ☐ Self-contained solar stake lights
- ☐ Pool-friendly thriller plants

Project Notes

Enjoy your beautiful, custom-landscaped backyard oasis all summer long!