

Your Hot Tub Cover Measuring Guide

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Print this Guide to use at the site of your hot tub install.

Also bring the following with you:

- 1) Someone else to assist you.
- 2) Measuring tape. 8-10 foot
- 3) Pencil and paper.
- 4) A straight edge (if your hot tub has rounded corners) and a carpenter's square.

What to Measure, the Hot Tub or the Old Cover?

Here are Some Questions to Help You Decide:

- ☐ If any of the following statements are true, measure your hot tub and not the cover.
 - Your hot tub currently has no cover.
 - The cover is indeed warped or has changed size and/or shape.
 - The current cover does not fit your hot tub to your liking at all.
- ☐ If all of the following are true, measure the Old Cover
 - Cover has not changed shape or size since purchased, and has not warped
 - Your current cover fits your hot tub to your liking.

Talk to Us First Before You Start if...

- If your hot tub has bowed sides, is oval or an odd shape.
- You are uncertain as to how to measure.

Northern Hot Tub Covers **Does** manufacture covers over 96 inches in size and we do produce hot tub covers with speaker hoods, integrated cover lifter hardware, covers with more than two panels or oddly shaped covers.

Please contact Us before proceeding if you have any concerns at 1-888-356-4202.

Different Hot Tub Types and How to Measure Them - Select Your Type of Hot Tub



(Figure 1)

☐ Classic Cabinet

Measure to the outer most edges of the hot tubs acrylic shell. Refer to the arrows shown in the above image (Figure 1).

Note: The Cover Skirt extends just below the rim.



(Figure 2)

☐ In-ground Hot Tub

Measure to the outer most edges of the hot tub. Refer to the arrows shown in the above image (Figure 2).

Note: For rimless hot tubs, add 6 inches to the opening length and width to create a 3 inch overhang on all sides.



(Figure 3)

☐ Cabinet with Top Rail

Measure to the outer most edges of the hot tubs top rail if required to cover the rail. Refer to the arrows shown in the above image (Figure 3).

Note: The Cover Skirt extends just below the rail.

Measure Twice to Ensure Accuracy, Always measure your hot tub in inches. Please round-up your width & length to the nearest inch. Please note if your hot tub cover measurements are slightly larger than the actual even by a couple of inches the cover will fit and perform just as well. If the hot tub cover is too small the hot tub will lose heat retention and fit may be too tight or too small overall.

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Taking Your measurements of the Hot Tub for a Square or Rectangular Cover with Rounded Corners

There are 3 measurements that you must take, the first is "A", the second is "B" and lastly the Corner Radius "C". Please remember to measure in inches and round your numbers up or down as indicated on this page.



Choose Standard or Opposite Fold Cover

Confirm which fold you wish to order for your hot tub cover.

☐

Standard Fold Cover

have the fold in the middle of the longest dimension of the cover / hot tub.

☐

Opposite Fold Cover

MEASUREMENTS

A)

When measuring "A" the hinge always cuts across the middle (cutting it in half)
Round Up to the nearest inch.

B)

When measuring "B" the hinge always parallel to this measurement.
Round Up to the nearest inch.

C)

When measuring Corner Radius "C". **Round Down to the nearest inch.** If your hot tub has square corners the measurement you enter is zero (0).

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Measuring the Corner Radius on Hot Tubs with Round Corners:

Measuring the hot tubs corner radius is always more accurate than trying to measure the corner radius of the old cover. If the hot tub is square (no round corners) the radius measurement you provide is zero (0"). If the hot tub has round corners you need to **round down to the nearest inch**, here's why...

Why is the Corner Radius Measurement Rounded Down?

Its simple a smaller radius means that the cover will extend out from the corner of the hot tub more. At first this does not make sense but a 1/2 inch smaller radius means the cover will extend out a 1/4 inch more. So if a radius measurement is incorrect and is indicated as to large the cover may not extend out far enough to sit over the corners comfortably. Please remember if the hot tub has bowed sides to call Us..

METHOD ONE:

Using a Carpenter's Square to Measure...



(Figure 5)

Start by placing the square against the lowest edge of the rim at the corner. Take the measurement from the inside corner of the square out to where the hot tub comes into contact with the rulers edge indicated by the arrow in the above image (Figure 5).

Remember to round down to the nearest inch.

If you don't have Carpenters Square at hand, we suggest to use any manageable straight edge with a ruler demonstrated in the next section.

METHOD TWO:

Using a Straight Edge and a Ruler to Measure...



(Figure 6)

Start by placing the straight edge against the lowest edge of the rim at the corner and perpendicular to that run your ruler along the intersecting edge of the corner you are measuring. Take the measurement from the inside corner of where the straight edge and ruler meet out to where the hot tub comes into contact with the ruler's edge indicated by the arrow in the above image (Figure 6).

Remember to round down to the nearest inch.

My Hot Tub Corner Radius is:

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Measuring the Skirt Length for Your Hot Tub:

How to Measure the Skirt for Your Hot Tub

The hot tub skirt is identified as the overhanging flap that extends down from the bottom edge of the hot tub cover (the top of the hot tubs rim).

With acrylic hot tubs the skirt should cover the lip of the shell plus about 1/2 inch or more.

Round the measurement up to the first even inch mark. The cover can be made with no skirt as well and you indicate that by entering a zero (0) in the box below.

My Hot Tub Skirt Length is:

