

Downloadable Resource

Visual Creation Prompt: Hot Tub Deck Planning Checklist

Create a professional one page printable checklist titled:

"Hot Tub Deck Planning Checklist: Before You Install Your Spa"

Design style:

- Clean homeowner friendly layout
- Easy to print on standard US Letter size paper
- Hot Tub Patio branding colors
- Light blue, navy blue, white, and soft gray
- Modern checklist design with clear sections
- Small deck and hot tub illustration in the header
- Designed for beginner homeowners planning a hot tub installation

Subtitle:

"Use this checklist to verify your deck or patio is ready to safely support a fully loaded hot tub."

Section 1: Project Information

Fillable fields:

- Homeowner Name _____
 - Project Date _____
 - Hot Tub Model _____
 - Installation Location _____
 - Contractor or Builder _____
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Section 2: Hot Tub Weight Planning

Table with fillable fields:

Item	Value
Empty Hot Tub Weight	_____ lbs
Water Capacity	_____ gallons
Estimated Water Weight	_____ lbs
Number of Occupants	_____

Item	Value
Occupant Weight Estimate _____	lbs
Total Loaded Weight _____	lbs

Small note box:

"Remember: Water weighs approximately 8.34 pounds per gallon."

Section 3: Deck Structural Checklist

Large checklist section with green checkboxes:

- Deck designed for at least 100 to 150 pounds per square foot (PSF)
 - Structural engineer consulted if deck capacity is unknown
 - Deck framing inspected for damage or rot
 - Joists spaced approximately 12 inches on center
 - Additional blocking installed where needed
 - Beams sized appropriately for spa load
 - Support posts properly secured
 - No visible sagging or movement
 - Deck attachment to house inspected
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Section 4: Support Post & Footing Checklist

Checklist:

- 6×6 support posts installed
- Concrete footings used
- Footings extend at least 12 inches deep

- Soil drainage evaluated
 - Footings free from erosion concerns
 - Post connections secured with approved hardware
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Section 5: Patio & Drainage Inspection

Checklist:

- Water can drain away from spa
 - No standing water beneath structure
 - Ground grading directs runoff away
 - Access available for future maintenance
 - Spa equipment area remains dry
 - Cover can fully open without obstruction
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Section 6: Electrical Safety Checklist

Checklist:

- Dedicated electrical circuit installed
 - GFCI protection provided
 - Disconnect panel accessible
 - Wiring meets local code requirements
 - Installation reviewed by licensed electrician
 - Permit requirements verified
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Section 7: Final Approval Review

Large approval boxes:

- Structural Requirements Verified
 - Electrical Requirements Verified
 - Drainage Requirements Verified
 - Manufacturer Requirements Verified
 - Local Permit Requirements Verified
 - Ready For Installation
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Bottom Summary Box

Title:

Installation Readiness Score

Instructions:

Count completed checkboxes.

- 90 to 100% Complete = Ready for Installation
 - 75 to 89% Complete = Review Missing Items
 - Below 75% Complete = Further Planning Recommended
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Footer

Small reminder box:

"A fully loaded hot tub can weigh several thousand pounds. Confirming deck strength before installation helps prevent structural damage, costly repairs, and safety concerns."

Include Hot Tub Patio logo area and website URL at the bottom.