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## **CARE FOR A REFILL?**

**HARD** to believe but not everyone wants a pool. Peter Burns from Reverse Pools is flat out turning pools back into gardens. Many clients are simply tired of pool maintenance, others have young families and are worried about pool safety. Some pools are as little as three years old. Makes you weep, doesn't it?

The cost of a refill will be somewhere between \$2000 and \$4000, depending on the size of your pool. After demolition, the hole is filled with rubble, and covered with topsoil. A geotextile filter, (woven fabric that allows water through, but not dirt), is sandwiched between the rubble and the topsoil to help prevent subsidence.

Reverse Pools pay a lot of attention to soil type. "We try to reconstruct the ground so it is similar to what it was before", says Peter. "Some people think you can just knock some holes in the bottom of the pool for drainage, then fill it up", he says. The trouble with doing this is that the pool may be resting on shale or clay, or if it's a sandy area, it may be below the water table. Water can't drain away.

After the pool is filled, Peter's firm can relandscape the area. Call Reverse Pools on 018 320397.