

**Opening your pool correctly is very important.** Provided here is a step-by-step checklist to help you accomplish it simply and efficiently. By following the procedures outlined here, you will be well on your way toward enjoying your pool.

💧 **Remove Pool Cover.** Remove standing water and debris from your pool cover before removing the cover itself. The cover should be cleaned and dried thoroughly before it is put away. Cornstarch or a commercially available powder may be sprinkled on the cover to prevent mildew stains, odors, and sticking. The cover should be folded and stored in a clean, dry place away from sunlight.

💧 **Check Water Level.** If the water level is below the middle of the skimmer face, fill to the proper level. With your leaf skimmer, remove any floating debris.

💧 **Check Filtration System.** Make sure all mechanical equipment is operating properly. Check for leaks in exposed piping, tighten fittings, or repair as needed. Start the filter and vacuum your pool if necessary.

💧 **Test the Water.** After running the filter for several hours, test the water with your test strips. The most important tests to perform are those for chlorine and pH. It is a good idea to purchase fresh reagents for your test kit each season to avoid possible inaccurate readings. Incorrect additions of chemicals to your pool water could be wasteful and costly. We have provided 10 test strips in this kit.

💧 **Add Chemicals.** Based on the results of your testing, add the necessary chemicals to your pool water to adjust pH and/or sanitizer level. Add chemicals from this kit following directions on each product's label. Remember to always follow the directions on the product label and add chemicals according to your pool's capacity.

## ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

Once your pool has been opened, it is crucial that you keep it in the best condition. During the summer season, pool water can be affected by a variety of factors. Rain, wind, hot and humid weather, and heavy usage can affect chlorine and pH levels. You should understand the needs of your pool so you can keep things in check.

It is very important to test water often so you can determine what to add to your pool to keep it clean and crystal clear. Your filter should be run as much as necessary to keep the pool clear.

Super chlorinate according to label directions. As outside conditions change, so too will your pool's needs. Be aware of this by correcting small problems before they become big ones and you will enjoy your pool throughout the season.

Providing the proper care for your swimming pool equipment will help you to enjoy a clear and clean pool all summer long. You should refer to the manufacturer's specifications or ask your pool supplier for advice on how to care for your equipment. The following suggestions should help you keep problems to a minimum.

**Pump** - The pump is the heart of a pool's circulation system. Always make sure your skimmer and main drain lines are free of blockage. Check your skimmer basket and hair & lint trap frequently for debris. To assure a free flow of water to the pump and avoid damage to the pump motor, make sure water is at the proper level.

**Filter** - You must periodically clean or backwash your filter. Check your pressure gauge reading and consult your manufacturer's manual for the correct method.

**Heater** - Have your heater checked each season by a pool service company. For lighting the pilot light and general operating instructions, refer to your owner's manual. Keep in mind that if the filter is not working properly, or if water flow is restricted, your heater may not function.

**Automatic Chlorine Feeder** - Clean out any residue and make sure all lines are free of restrictions. Use only the type of chemical recommended by the manufacturer. Never mix different types of chemicals in a feeder or automatic chlorinator. This will eliminate the possibility of an explosion occurring.

**Deck Equipment** - Check and tighten bolts on ladders, diving boards, slides and hand rails. Remove rust on any metal surface, and then treat with a protective finish. Also, clean and protect any fiberglass or plastic surfaces.

**Pool Cleaning Equipment** - Use your cleaning equipment as often as necessary to maintain a clean, clear pool. Most automatic cleaning units are designed to operate when the filtration system is running, so make sure your filter and pump are working. Cleaning equipment made of plastic should be stored away from sunlight. Keep equipment away from your deck area to avoid tripping. Keeping leaves and debris out of the pool, and occasionally brushing the pool walls and floor will pay off in reduced chemical requirements.

**Test Kits** - Store test kit or strips in a cool, dry place away from chemicals, sunlight, and the heater. Keep the test kit out of children's reach. Sample collectors should be rinsed before and after the test procedure with the water to be tested. Try to replace test reagents each pool season.

**Enjoy** - Your swimming pool is meant to be enjoyed by the entire family and family friends. A small amount of time once a week maintaining your pool will minimize operating costs and prevent problems.

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