

## **Easy Step to Pool Maintenance**

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### ***ENJOY YOUR POOL MORE***

A pool is for pleasure. Some people become swamped when it comes to pool care because they do not have the right advice for treating pool water. Keeping your pool sparkling, clear and ready to enjoy is really very simple with these basic steps.

Every pool is different. In fact, so is the water that is used to fill pools. The only way to determine exactly what your pool needs is to take all the facts into consideration. That's where we can help finding out what your pool needs to keep it clean safe and fun to swim in.

All you need to do is take a sample of your pool water and bring it in for analysis. That means less guesswork... and less work for you.

### ***How to Start***

#### **TWO THINGS EVERY POOL NEEDS**

##### Proper Filtration & Circulation.

Pool Water must be circulated and filtered. If your filter does not operate properly, neither will the products you add to keep it clean and clear.

Make sure the filtration/circulation system is in clean operating order and runs long enough each day. For best filtration efficiency it is recommended that you clean your sand periodically and change your sand depending on conditions every 4-7 years.

In hot summer months we recommend to operate the system 24 hours. It costs less than you might think in hydro than in chemicals lost by not circulating your pool.

Point return fittings down 45 degrees angle to pool floor for improved circulation.

Do not cover your pool for extended periods

##### Proper Maintenance

Three basic steps in routine maintenance.

##### STEP 1

- Sanitize to kill bacteria continuously

##### STEP 2

- Remove wastes to make the water sparkling

##### STEP 3

- Prevent Algae growth

In addition the pool should be kept clean by vacuuming, brushing the sides and emptying the skimmer baskets regularly.

#### **THE BALANCING ACT**

It may surprise you, but the water you drink may not be fit for your pool. Tap water can have high or low pH and mineral levels that can affect your pool

Improper levels of pH and minerals can prevent pool treatments from doing their job. Not to mention damaging your pool and its equipment with stains, scale and corrosion.

It's a good idea to have your water balanced at the beginning of the pool season or when it is initially filled. Then have it checked once a month during the summer.

#### **Most important is pH.**

**Low pH** indicates too much acidity. This causes chlorine to be used up quickly and leads to corrosion of equipment and damaged pool surfaces

**High pH** slows sanitizer effectiveness. This can cause cloudy water and scale formation on equipment

Stabilizer is a chemical that prevents chlorine loss by the sun's rays

## WEEKLY MAINTAINANCE

*Now that your water is balanced it's this easy*

WHICH DAY OF THE WEEK IS BEST FOR YOU THAT'S THE DAY YOU WILL DO

### **Weekly**

- Vacuum, empty filter baskets if necessary backwash
- Backwashing is only necessary if your filter gauge is 8-10 lbs pressure above it's normal range
- Test water adjust ph or alkalinity if needed then

Add your Oxidizer/Shock

- **Your Pool requires** \_\_\_\_\_

Add a algae Preventative \_\_\_\_\_

**Your pool requires** \_\_\_\_\_

Add a sanitizer

Granular or liquid may be used though our recommendation

- Fill your automatic chemical feeder, floating feeder or skimmer with pucks

*Refer to our Dazzle Web Site for the product that is right for your family or feel free to call or email if you have any questions we will glad to suggest or assist in your pool's maintenance program.*

### **SOME POINTS TO PONDER**

Cloudy Water

- check your filtration
- check your chlorine level
- check your pH
- check do you have algae
- had your pool been covered for a long period of time
- has the pump been off for a extended period of time

### **Algae**

When you don't see them, you already have about 30million algae per ounce of pool water, imagine when you do see them! **DIFFERENT TYPES OF ALGAE**

**Green Algae** are the most common. It usually appears in corner or other areas where circulation is poor. Once established green algae can grow explosively

Solution-Burn Out 35 followed by Polygard/Erase or Spot Kill

**Mustard Algae** another common type. It brushes off the walls easily but returns quickly. It often grows in shady areas. It resists chlorine and shock treatment. Solution-Use Burn out along with Polygard or MSA Algaecide.

**Black Algae** is very resistant that clings to pool walls floor and cracks. The longer black algae is present, the more treatment will be required and the longer to get rid of. Solution- brush vigorously and use spot kill or in white plaster pools only, super spot kill.

**Scale** Rough sandpaper-like deposits can coat the walls of your pool and clog pipes filter and heater. Solution-Lower pH and total alkalinity to the proper range. Prevent scale problems by keeping pH, total alkalinity and calcium in check.

### **Eye & Skin Irritation-Chlorine Odor**

When you notice a strong chlorine odour and water is irritating to eyes or skin it isn't necessarily the chlorine that's to blame. These are clues that something is wrong.

- Check *Chloramines*. Bring the water in and we will analyze it for you
- How long since you last shocked
- Check pH
- Has the filter been running long enough

*The information provided is general in nature always follow the manufacture directions.*

## NOTES