

Pool Opening Checklist

Here are some tips to help you effectively open your pool and prepare it for a summer of family fun! If you need help, or if this is your first time, consider getting your Dazzle™ Certified Professional to open your pool.

- Drain water from top of the pool cover with a submersible pump and remove leaves and debris. Remove the cover from the pool. Minimize the water and/or debris that get into the pool water. Some dirty water often manages to get in - don't worry about it. Use **Dazzle's™ Healthier Pool Opening Kit and Dazzle™ Prep Cleanse** to detoxify and deep cleanse your pool in no time – and prevent algae.

TIP: You can fill the pool by placing your garden hose under the cover. This will raise the water level in the pool and make the removal of the cover **a lot easier**.

- Fill the pool to the halfway mark on your skimmer.
- Spread pool cover and sweep or brush off any remaining debris. Clean your pool cover with EcoLogo™ certified **Dazzle™ Cover Cleanse** to extend its life. Properly fan-fold the cover and store away where rodents can't get access. Empty the water out of any water tubes you may have.
- Remove winterizing devices such as foam rope and Gizmos from the skimmer. Connect the pump and return lines (if required). Replace the skimmer basket and weir (a.k.a. flapper door). Check to see if any replacements are required (make a list).
- Remove the plugs from the return lines and replace the return fittings. Position the return fittings downward at a 33° to 45° angle – in the same direction (so your water flows in a circular motion).

TIP: Pool grade antifreeze can go back into the water. Automotive antifreeze is toxic and should NEVER be used when winterizing a pool.

- Remove the plugs from pool equipment to drain the antifreeze. Inspect filter and pump for any damaged/worn parts (add to list). Replace plugs and pressure gauges.
- Hook up pump, filter and any other additional equipment you might have (heater, spa equipment, waterfall circulation pumps, etc.).

TIP: Lubricate the pump "O" ring with a silicone lubricant. This will ensure a proper seal.

- Re-attach any deck equipment you have such as ladders, rails, diving boards, etc. Make sure to reconnect any grounding wires or straps that may have been attached to the metal parts.

TIP: Lubricate all bolts on the dive board, ladders and/or rails. This will prevent them from rusting over the summer making it easier on you for pool closing.

- Prime the pump as required. Turn on the power to the pool system. Start and check the system for leaks or drips. Check for proper flow. Backwash the filter thoroughly. If you did not *Deep Cleanse* your filter last fall – apply Dazzle's™ EcoLogo certified **Dazzle™ Filter Cleanse**.

- Apply the **Dazzle™ Healthier Opening Kit** to prepare your water for easy summer maintenance.

- TIP: run the system continuously for at least 8 hrs but preferably 24 hrs before you bring your water test in for your professional **Dazzle™ AquaAce** computerized water test.

- Balance your pool water to recommended levels. There is a good reason for doing this - saves you money and prevents future problems.

TIP: If your pool is green, see your **Dazzle™** water care professional. We have products for easy clean-up and tips to prevent problems in the future.

Summary

Balance Pool Water

Monthly water testing at your **Dazzle™** Specialist helps prevent unnecessary repair bills.

Clean your filter

A clean filter saves chemical costs and potential electrical costs. It also makes pool care easier. Ask about **Dazzle™ Filter Cleanse**.

Return Fitting

Position return fittings **DOWNWARD** at a 45° degree angle. This reduces costs, prevents problems.

Consider a timer

Turn your pump off at night – save money.

Test pH and chlorine

pH is very important and determines how well your chlorine works. Test both regularly – reduces costs.

Remove algae food

By removing the food algae needs to grow, your chlorine works less, saving you money. See **Dazzle™ Algae Free Guarantee**

Chlorine at 1.0 to 3.0

No need to overdose chlorine, especially if you have more naturally removes algae's food.

Clean Winter Cover

Dazzle™ Cover Cleanse will extend the life of your winter or solar cover.

Pool Care Money Saving Tips

Follow these great money saving pool care tips which will protect your pool and your wallet. The new **Dazzle™ Healthier Pool Care System** is a healthier, more natural approach to pool maintenance. Its performance is **guaranteed** and it will save you money, too!

Balance your pool

Water that is out of balance can cause damage to your pool and/or equipment. Acidic water eats away at your pool's surfaces and pool equipment and alkali water can cause scale. Balanced water allows you to get the longest life from your pool shell and pool equipment, helping to avoid some major pool expenses. It also ensures maximum performance from your water treatment products.

How to: After opening your pool, allow your water to circulate for at least 8 hours and **bring a water sample** to your **Dazzle™** professional. Bring water samples in for a **monthly** personalized prescription to ensure that everything stays in balance all summer long.

Clean your filter

Your filter not only picks up small particulate, it also collects oils, suntan lotions, calcium and metals. These clog your filter, reducing efficiency, affecting chemical and electrical costs.

How to: Deep cleanse your filter with **Dazzle™ Filter Cleanse**. This will bring your filter back to high performance - for greater efficiency, lower costs and clearer water.

Return Fittings

Point your return fitting(s) down at a 45° degree angle. If you have multiple returns, point them to move the water in the same direction (circular). This forces the water and pool treatment products down allowing them to do their job more readily throughout the pool. It removes circulation "dead spots" that make for easier algae growth. It also moves the debris better so you should have a clearer pool with fewer requirements for vacuuming.

Equipment Timers

Timers can allow you to shut your pump off **at night**. If your pump and motor are properly sized and your pump always maintains its prime, this option will allow you to save electrical costs. There is a trade off, however – you may use a little more in water treatment products.

Remove Algae Food

Algae needs water, carbon dioxide and **food** to grow. The **Dazzle™ Healthier Opening Kit** contains products to remove swimmer wastes and remove phosphates. This removal of algae food provides a much fresher and eco-friendly way to take care of your pool, requiring much less chlorine thus saving you money. And it comes with an unconditional **ALGAE FREE GUARANTEE**.

Test BOTH Chlorine and pH

A chlorine result **without pH** means very little. The ability for chlorine to do its job well is completely dependent on the pH of your pool water. When pH is low, chlorine works too quickly, using itself up unnecessarily. When pH is high, it works too slowly causing a high potential for algae and cloudiness problems.

How to: Use **Dazzle™ Test Strips** and maintain your pH between 7.4 to 7.6 for a comfortable pool in a 'cost compromise' zone. Maintain your chlorine level at 1.0 to 3.0 ppm.

Winter Cover and Miscellaneous

Properly clean your winter blanket with **Dazzle™ Cover Cleanse** before storage. This will protect and preserve the cover for longer life. **Replace pressure gauge(s)** and learn how to use the pressure gauge to determine when filter backwash is truly required, so you don't waste water!

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