



Spring Newsletter

Crystal Clear Swimming Pools

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How to Prepare Your Backyard for a Carefree Swimming Season

Make your backyard swimming pool friendly

There are several things you can do to make your backyard swimming pool friendly.

Before Opening

In order to reduce the number of contaminants entering your pool we recommend that you do the following things before you open your pool.

Dethatch your lawn and weed your gardens. This will prevent the debris from getting in your pool.

Trim any bushes or trees around the pool area to prevent this debris from getting in the pool.

Apply lawn and garden fertilizer and make sure that it has been well watered in. This will prevent fertilizer from getting into your pool. Fertilizer is the number one food for algae.

Clean your lawn furniture and other backyard accessories. This prevents soap from getting in the pool. Soap contains phosphates which reduces

the effectiveness of your sanitizer (i.e. chlorine, bromine, etc.).

Clean out and organize your pump house or pump area. This will give you lots of room around your pool equipment making it easier when you do your opening.

Make sure your garden hose has been turned on inside the house and your hose is attached and ready to go.

Place all pool accessories, which you may have stored in the house over the winter, in the pump house or pump area (i.e. Salt units, chlorinators, etc.).

After Opening

Pressure wash your pool deck. This will remove contaminants from your deck. People will track this into your pool on their feet and rain will wash this into the pool.

Keep your backyard free of debris that may blow into your pool.

A word about Pool Heaters



Swimming pool heaters can be very dangerous if not maintained and used properly.

The number one thing with pool heaters is that you must have them inspected by a licensed gas technician BEFORE lighting the pilot or using the heater.

DO NOT keep anything on or around your heater. This could cause a fire if ignited.

If your heater is in a pool shed your shed must be ventilated according to the manufacturer's specifications. This will provide oxygen that the heater needs to burn efficiently and save money on your gas bill.

Swimming pool water balance is essential in extending the life of your heater core. Water that is out of balance may corrode your heater core thus reducing its life.

You MUST remember to turn off your heater at least 10 minutes before you turn off your pump. Also turn it off if there's any chance of a power failure (i.e. lighting storm). If not done you may over heat and damage your pool equipment.

Lawn and garden fertilizer is a pools worst enemy!

Believe it or not!

Tips and tricks on how to maintain your pool over the summer

The little things you can do to keep your swimming pool happy

There are many little things you can do to help keep your pool happy over the summer. Here are just a few.

Proper circulation of the water is more important than you might think. Under normal operation your shallow end jet should be pointed straight out with a slight aim away from the skimmer. Your deep end jet should be pointed down slightly and in the same direction as your shallow end jet. This will provide a circular motion in the water, as well as bringing deep end water to the surface. If you notice dead spots, like dirt settling in one or more corners, you can point the jets slightly toward that area. This is a fine adjustment and keep in mind you will never eliminate all dead spots. It may take some time to get this adjustment to the best possible configuration. During times when there is a lot of debris from trees you can point your jets up slightly to push this debris toward the skimmer.

Keep your skimmer and pump baskets clean at all times. This should be monitored daily,

especially in the spring when the trees are shedding buds and in the fall when the leaves are falling. Clogged baskets can burn out your pump in a very short time. This will also keep you circulation at its best.

Backwashing the filter should be done when the pressure of the filter increases by 10 psi from the pressure when the filter is clean. Since most people don't have working pressure gauges, a rule of thumb is to backwash every 2 weeks. You should run the backwash until the water comes out clean. Don't forget to put the filter on rinse for 15 seconds after backwashing. You must turn the pump off before changing the filter setting.

Vacuuming should be done weekly. Debris left in the bottom of your pool for long periods of time may cause many problems including, but not limited to, increased chlorine and other chemical use and stains on the liner which are very difficult to remove.

Brushing should be done at least

every 2 weeks. This prevents the liner from becoming slippery which in itself could be dangerous. The thin film that forms on the liner is a perfect place for algae to grow.

Scrubbing the scumline, or bathtub ring, should be done when required. A simple brushing after vacuuming should remove any scumline before it gets too far. Some of the things that contribute to scumline formation are suntan lotion that is not waterproof, cosmetics and other personal products. You should always shower before using the pool. It is also a good idea to shower after to remove any pool chemicals that may dry out your skin.

Remove any toys or other floating pool accessories after use. This will help maintain proper circulation.

Keep the deck around your pool clear of obstructions or other tripping hazards.

*HAVE A SAFE AND
HAPPY SUMMER*

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