

Preventing Algae in Swimming Pools

In pool care, the old adage about an ounce of prevention rings true. It is much easier and less expensive to pre-vent algae than it is to treat algae. Below are some steps to preventing algae:

1. Be Sure That the Pool Has Good Circulation and Filtration

If necessary redirect return eyeballs to eliminate areas of poor circulation. Backwash and clean filters as needed to maintain proper filtration. The circulation system should operate a minimum of 8 to 10 hours per day. If the pool experiences additional stress—such as rain, heavy swimmer load or high temperatures—the circulation times should be increased.

2. Brush the Pool Surface Weekly

Keeping algae from attaching to pool surfaces makes them more vulnerable to the chemicals that you are using.

3. Maintain All Chemicals at Proper Levels

The water balance affects the algae's ability to grow. I would also recommend a preventative algaecide, especially during the hot weather that we are currently experiencing. It is very important to test and balance the water after a heavy swimmer load or heavy rain.

4. Use an Algae Prevention Product

Algae prevention products complement chlorine to prevent algae. Poolife has two products that are excellent for algae prevention. They are:

Defend +

Poolife's Defend Plus is the best preventative algaecide that Poolife offers. This product is good for killing algae as well as preventing and controlling growth. It is an algaecide and clarifier in one. This product is also non-foaming.

Super AlgaeBomb 60

Super AlgaeBomb 60 is an algaecide that is non foaming and treats green, yellow, and in some cases, black algae. It can also be added weekly to prevent future algae breakouts.

Endure

This is a product that has taken the pool industry by storm in the last 2-3 years. It enhances the performance of chlorine and other systems and also suppresses the growth of algae. It is an excellent product for algae prevention.

As I mentioned previously, algae prevention is much easier to deal with than riding a pool of algae. Should you continue to have problems preventing algae, let our retail staff know, and we will find a solution to your problem.

BE SURE TO READ ALL LABEL DIRECTIONS BEFORE ADDING ANY PRODUCT TO YOUR SWIMMING POOL.

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