

Preparing your Pool for the Swim Season

One of the keys to having a clear, sparkling pool is getting an early start and getting off on the right foot. Following are some steps to take when preparing your pool for the swim season. If you covered your pool for the winter, begin at #1. If you did not cover your pool, begin at #5.

1. Fill the pool to the middle of the skimmer opening to make cover removal easier.
2. Brush debris off the pool cover and rinse it off well with a hose. When you remove the cover, try to keep rainwater that has collected on the cover from spilling into the pool. Apply a good cover treatment product to the cover in order to keep it in good condition while in storage. When removing and refolding your cover, be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions. (We will be glad to recommend a good cover treatment product.)
3. Reinstall pumps, motors, drain plugs, filters and any equipment dismantled for the winter. Turn on the pump.
4. Check ground wires for proper connection. After you have started the pump, turn on the heater and reset the thermostat.

5. Clean your filter with a good filter cleaner/degreaser such as **Filter Cleaner**. This is very important to ensure peak pool operation. The filter should be cleaned now, as you're opening your pool, during regular 3-month intervals during the swim season, and when you close it for winter.

6. Circulate the water and vacuum the pool.
7. If your water is clear, circulate it for 24 hours. If your water is cloudy or light green, chemically treat and run the filter 24 to 48 hours. If your water is dark green, see our retail staff at Gohlke Pools for the necessary treatment.
8. Test your water to ensure it is properly balanced. Before doing so, replace your test kit reagents or test strips, as they are usually accurate for one year.
9. Bring a water sample (approximately one pint) to Gohlke Pools for a free water analysis and to restock your chemical supply.

After tending to the pool, please do a safety check on your pool. Do you have a ring buoy and/or life hook? Are your fences and gates in good working order and up to code?

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

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