

Treating A Green Pool?

Many of the calls that we receive go something like this:

Gohlke Pools - *“Gohlke Pools, may I help you?”*

Pool owner - *“Yes, you may. What do I do for a green pool?”*

Gohlke Pools - *“Well, the first thing that is needed is chemically balanced water — What is your pH and what is your sanitizer (chlorine) level?”*

Pool owner - *“I don’t know, but I am sure that they are fine.”*

Gohlke Pools - *“Well, if you will bring some water in, I will be glad to test it for you and give you the solution to your problem.”*

Pool owner - *“Oh, that would be great! You can have it looking great for my daughter’s swimming party, can’t you?”*

Gohlke Pools - *“Well, we will try to. When is the party?”*

Pool owner - *“This afternoon.”*

This cannot be done. Just as it did not turn from a beautiful blue and properly balanced water to a swamp in just a few hours, it cannot turn from a swamp to a beautiful blue pool in just a few hours. We are sorry, but that is just the way it is.

Swimming pool companies have no magic potion that can cure your water problems immediately. It may be able to be done overnight in some instances, but in most instances it will take at least a few days.

Obviously, the best way to solve this problem is to avoid it. But once you have the problem, what do you do? The best method to turn the pool from green to clean are as followed:

- **Realize that it will take at least a few days in most cases.**
- **Bring a pool water sample (approximately one pint) to Gohlke Pools as soon as possible and tell us that the pool is green.**
- **Begin treatment as specified by the water analysis (we will usually prescribe a treatment including algaecide and chlorine).**
- **Remove the debris off of the floor of the pool.**
- **Filter the water continually until the water clears up, backwashing or cleaning the filter as necessary.**
- **Bring another pool water sample in to have analyzed so that final adjustments can be made.**
- **Happy swimming!**

As the temperature continues to increase, it becomes more and more important to keep your pool water balanced and your sanitizer level high in order to avoid a green pool. Pool care is much like car maintenance—If you keep up with it, you are not penalized, but if you procrastinate on pool care, you run a high risk of having a green pool.

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