

Weekly Maintenance Tips

Maintaining your pool or spa is easy!

Just follow this weekly checklist to keep your water clear and equipment operating smoothly.

Swimming pools – In ground, plaster pools

- 1) Clean it! Time: 40 minutes
 - a. Remove leaves and debris
 - b. Brush the sides
 - c. Vacuum the bottom

- 2) Check the filter Time: 5 minutes
 - a. Backwash the filter
 - i. Sand – once per week
 - ii. DE – once per month
 - iii. Cartridge – Don't backwash it!
 - b. Check the pressure gauge – higher than normal pressure could mean its time to clean the filter.

- 3) Check the pump Time: 5 minutes
 - a. Clean the pump basket and skimmer basket
 - b. Check for leaksp

- 4) Test the water – Use your test kit to check the chemicals Time: 10 minutes
 - a. Alkalinity – Between 70 and 120 ppm is normal
 - b. PH – Between 7.4 and 7.8 is normal
 - c. Chlorine – Between 1.0 and 3.0 ppm is where it should be
 - d. Water out of balance? Check out the pool maintenance guide!

Spas – Portable acrylic spas

- 1) Clean the spa Time: 3 minutes
 - a. Remove surface debris
 - b. Wipedown surface at the water line

- 2) Check the filter Time: 3 minutes
 - a. Clean the cartridges every other week
 - b. Just take them out, hose them down and put them back

- 3) Empty skimmer basket Time: 2 minutes
 - a. Keep it free of debris
 - b. Check for leaks around the equipment

4) Test the water

Time: 2 minutes

- a. Alkalinity – Between 80 and 120 ppm is normal
- b. PH – Between 7.4 and 7.6 is normal
- c. Chlorine – Between 3.0 and 5.0 ppm is where it should be
- d. Water out of balance? Check out the spa maintenance guide!

That's all there is to it! Now, keep up to date with the latest on regular maintenance...listen to the Backyard Bay Radio Show!