



SEASONAL POOL MAINTENANCE CALENDAR

2024/25

MARCH

SPRING 2024

MAY

POOL OPENING

Remove Winter Cover:

- Gently remove the winter cover from the pool.
- Ensure there is no debris on the cover before removal to prevent it from falling into the pool.

Clean and Store the Cover:

- Thoroughly clean the winter cover to remove any dirt, leaves, or water.
- Allow the cover to dry completely before folding or rolling it for storage.
- Store the cover in a dry, cool place away from direct sunlight to prevent damage.

Inspect Pool Equipment for Any Damage:

- Visually inspect all pool equipment, including pumps, filters, heaters, and any other accessories.
- Look for signs of wear, corrosion, or damage. Replace or repair any damaged components.
- Check for rodent or insect nests that may have formed during the winter.

WATER CHECKS

Test and Balance Pool Water Chemistry:

- Use a reliable pool water testing kit to check pH, chlorine levels, alkalinity, and calcium hardness.
- Adjust pH levels to the recommended range (usually 7.2 to 7.6).
- Balance alkalinity and calcium hardness as needed for optimal water conditions.

Shock the Pool to Eliminate Winter Bacteria:

- Use a pool shock product to raise the chlorine levels significantly.
- Follow product instructions and dosage recommendations based on your pool size.
- Shocking the pool helps eliminate any bacteria or contaminants that may have accumulated during the winter months.

POOL EQUIPMENT

Check Pumps, Filters, and Heaters for Proper Functionality:

- Start by checking the pool pump. Ensure it primes correctly and check for any unusual noises.
- Examine the pool filter for any cracks or damage. Clean or replace filter media as necessary.
- Test the heater to ensure it ignites and heats the water properly.

Lubricate O-rings and Inspect for Leaks:

- Lubricate O-rings on pump lids and other relevant parts using a silicone-based lubricant.
- Inspect all connections and fittings for leaks. Tighten or replace any fittings that show signs of leakage.
- Pay special attention to the pump and filter area as leaks here can affect the efficiency of the entire system.

JUNE

SUMMER 2024

AUGUST

WEEKLY MAINTENANCE

Skim the Pool Surface:

- Use a skimmer net to remove leaves, insects, and debris from the surface of the pool water.
- Pay special attention to corners and areas where debris tends to accumulate.

Vacuum the Pool Floor:

- Use a pool vacuum to clean the pool floor and corners.
- Vacuuming helps remove dirt, small debris, and sediment that may have settled.

Empty Skimmer Baskets and Pump Strainer:

- Turn off the pool pump before emptying skimmer baskets and the pump strainer basket.
- Remove leaves, debris, and any other material collected in the baskets.
- Regularly emptying these baskets prevents clogs and ensures optimal water flow.

WATER CHECKS

Test and Adjust pH, Chlorine, and Alkalinity Levels:

- Use a pool water testing kit to check the pH, chlorine, and alkalinity levels.
- Adjust pH to the recommended range (usually 7.2 to 7.6) using pH increaser or decreaser as needed.
- Ensure chlorine levels are within the appropriate range for sanitation.
- Balance alkalinity to help stabilise the pH levels.

Shock the Pool as Needed:

- Regularly shock the pool to eliminate contaminants, algae, and bacteria.
- The frequency of shocking may vary based on pool usage, weather conditions, and other factors.
- Follow product instructions and recommended dosage when applying the shock treatment.

FILTERS

Check and Clean Pool Filters Regularly:

- Regularly inspect the pool filters for debris and dirt.
- Clean cartridge filters by removing and hosing them down or following the manufacturer's instructions.
- For sand filters, periodic backwashing helps flush out accumulated debris.

Backwash Sand Filters or Clean Cartridge Filters:

- For sand filters, initiate the backwashing process as recommended by the manufacturer to remove trapped particles.
- If using cartridge filters, clean them by removing and rinsing with a high-pressure hose.
- Ensure proper water flow and filtration efficiency after cleaning.

SEPTEMBER

AUTUMN 2024

NOVEMBER

LEAF REMOVAL

Regularly Remove Leaves and Debris from the Pool:

- Use a skimmer net or leaf rake to remove leaves, twigs, and debris floating on the pool surface.
- Perform this task regularly, especially during the fall season when leaves are more likely to accumulate.

Trim Nearby Trees to Minimise Falling Leaves:

- Prune and trim trees around the pool area to minimise the amount of leaves and debris falling into the pool.
- Consider consulting with a professional arborist for tree maintenance, ensuring that branches are trimmed away from the pool.

WATER CHECKS

Adjust Pool Chemistry as Temperatures Drop:

- As temperatures decrease, adjust the pool chemistry to ensure proper water balance.
- Monitor pH, alkalinity, and calcium hardness levels and make necessary adjustments.
- Consider using winterising chemicals to prepare the pool for colder temperatures.

Consider Reducing Pump Run Times:

- With lower temperatures and reduced pool usage, you can optimise energy efficiency by reducing the run times of the pool pump.
- Adjust the timer settings to ensure sufficient water circulation while conserving energy.

WINTERISING

Lower Water Level and Winterise Plumbing:

- Lower the water level in the pool to below the skimmer opening to prevent freezing damage.
- Winterise plumbing by blowing out water from pipes, hoses, and pool equipment using a shop vacuum or air compressor.
- Add pool antifreeze to the plumbing lines to prevent freezing.

Install a Winter Cover to Protect the Pool:

- Choose a durable and well-fitted winter cover to protect the pool from debris and harsh winter weather.
- Secure the cover tightly using anchors or a cable system to prevent it from blowing away.
- A properly installed winter cover helps keep the water clean and reduces the risk of damage during the winter months.

DECEMBER

MONITOR POOL COVER

Regularly Check and Tighten Winter Cover:

- Periodically inspect the winter cover for any signs of sagging or loosening.
- Ensure that the cover is securely fastened using anchors or a cable system.
- Tighten any straps or ties to maintain proper tension.

Remove Snow Accumulation as Needed:

- After heavy snowfall, carefully remove snow from the winter cover using a soft broom or snow rake.
- Removing excessive snow helps prevent stress on the cover and reduces the risk of damage.

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EQUIPMENT CHECKS

Periodically Check and Lubricate Equipment:

- Regularly inspect all pool equipment for signs of wear, corrosion, or damage.
- Lubricate moving parts, such as pump motor bearings and hinges, to prevent stiffness and ensure smooth operation.
- Use a silicone-based lubricant for O-rings and other relevant components.

Ensure Freeze Protection Measures are in Place:

- Verify that freeze protection measures are active, especially in areas prone to freezing temperatures.
- Ensure that the pool plumbing lines and equipment are adequately insulated.
- Consider using pool antifreeze in the plumbing lines to prevent freezing.

FEBRUARY

PLAN FOR SPRING

Schedule a Pool Opening Service for the Upcoming Season:

- Plan and schedule a professional pool opening service in advance.
- Ensure any maintenance logs for equipment are readily available for engineers.

Consider Any Upgrades or Repairs During the Off-Season:

- Use the winter months as an opportunity to evaluate and plan for any necessary upgrades or repairs.
- Discuss potential improvements with your chosen pool service provider, such as equipment upgrades, energy-efficient options, or aesthetic enhancements.
- Create a budget for the outlining works over a period of time that is suitable.