



Pool Maintenance

Daily

1. Clean skimmer basket by rinsing it in a bucket of water.
2. Inspect the return(s) so that the eyeball(s) is aimed at a downward 45 degree angle, and is directed away from the skimmer. Create a circular pattern.
3. Run the filter a minimum of 8 – 12 continuous hours.
4. Skim all leaves, bugs, and debris from the pool.

Weekly

1. Brush the walls, floor and all seams of the pool.
2. Check the filter's pressure gauge and monitor the increase. If it rises 5-10 psi over the normal range, follow your manufacturer's recommendations for backwashing or bumping.
3. Inspect the pump strainer housing, basket and O-ring to ensure that they are intact. Clean and rinse the pump strainer basket in a bucket of water.
4. Clean the waterline, skimmer housing, weir (door), returns, ladder, and steps with a scrub pad and Baquacil Surface Cleaner or POOLIFE Tile and Vinyl Cleaner.
5. Vacuum the pool with your manual or automatic vacuum cleaner.
6. Take your pool sample from 18" below the water with your home test kit or strips. Record your results.
7. Add chemicals to maintain the proper levels of: Sanitizer, pH and Total Alkalinity. Refer to the direction sheet for your specific chemical system.

Monthly

1. Inspect your pool visually: walls, liner, coping, fittings, skimmers, piping and filter system.
2. Bring your pool water sample to **Royal Pools and Spas, Inc.** for a complete analysis.
3. Adjust your pool water according to analysis.

As Needed

1. **DE Filters:** Maintain clear water by backwashing and changing DE frequently.
Twice per season: Disassemble the filter; hose off the elements. Acid clean the elements.
See: "Cleaning A DE Filter With An Acid Solution"
2. **Sand Filters:** Maintain clear water by backwashing and rinsing only if the pressure gauge rises
5-10 psi over the normal operating range. Backwashing too often is not advisable.
Twice per season: Acid clean sand with a filter acid.
Every two years: Change sand completely.
See: "Cleaning A Sand Filter With An Acid" and "How to Change Sand in Sand Filter"

