



Pool Opening Directions

These directions are general information, and are meant as a guide. For specific recommendations, please refer to your pool builder/manufacturer as well as your pump & filter manufacturer. Pool opening is not a task that one person can perform. Please ask for help from your family or friends, or rely on Royal Pools & Spas to perform this important task for you.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE:

1. Prepare Cover For Removal:

- A. Remove leaves and debris from cover
- B. Pump dirty water off cover, not back into the pool
- C. Do not remove pool water from under the cover
- D. Add Fresh Water. Target at least mid-skimmer level.

2. Remove Winter Cover and Winterizing Products:

- A. Accordion fold cover during removal
- B. Inspect cover; brush on a solution of algicide
- C. Hose off, let dry. Store in large pail, off the floor
- D. Remove winterizing products & plugs from pool
- E. Reconnect pool fittings and components, etc.

3. Prepare and Prime Pump and Filter:

- A. Collect equipment: lubricate all O-rings/gaskets
- B. Acid clean filter, unless it was already done
- C. Reinstall pump components and unions, etc.
- D. Rethread pressure gauge and adapters.
- E. Open valves: prime pump with water & close lid
- F. Turn on power & water starts filling pump

4. Filter Start-Up: Sand and Vertical Grid DE:

- A. Power off, rotate multi-port valve clockwise
- B. To "Backwash"
- C. To "Rinse"
- D. To "Filter" water will fill the filter system

5. Filter Start-Up: DE Vertical Grid, Perflex or Regenex:

- A. Measure initial DE scoops: pre-mix to pail/water
- B. Don't run filter longer than 30 seconds without DE
- C. Check "eyeball" return after adding DE slurry

WHAT YOU WILL NEED OR DO:

Telescopic pole, wall brush
Drag leaf skimmer, pole
Electric cover pump (all pools)
Cover Saver (Above Ground Pools)
Garden hose (Add water under the cover)

Telescopic pole, wall brush
Baqacil Algicide solution in pail
Poolife Algaebomb solution in pail
Metal garbage pail
Container labeled: "winter products"
Eyeballs, skimmer parts, ladders, etc.

Pump, unions, fittings, hoses, clamps
Lube-Tube or o-ring lube
POOLIFE or Baquacil Filter Cleaner
Pump basket, lid, O-rings and gaskets
Teflon tape, pressure gauge, adapters
Garden hose
Turn electrical breaker on

Check filter manual for details
Backwash hose stretched out
Power on for 3-5 minutes, then off
Power on for 30 seconds, then off
Power on, as air is released from system

Check filter manual for details
Add "DE slurry" slowly in the skimmer
Damage will occur to DE elements
Normal to see 30 second "puff" of DE

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6. Initial Manual Pool Cleaning:

- A. Brush pool thoroughly: walls, floor, seams, etc.
- B. Loosen algae: cover brush with 2 socks & algaecide

- B. Scoop leaves & debris: floating and on floor
- C. Scrub skimmer housing, fittings, light and waterline
- D. Manually Vacuum to "Waste" to remove debris
(Ask for directions if you don't know how)

Do NOT use Automatic Cleaner yet
Telescopic Pole, Wall Brush
POOLIFE Algaebomb or Baquacil
Algicide
Drag leaf skimmer, skimmer net
Scrub pad, POOLIFE Tile Cleaner
Telescopic pole, vacuum head, hose

7. 24 - Hour Continuous Filtration:

- A. Sand filters- if 8-10psi increase on pressure gauge
- B. DE Vertical Grid filters- if 5-10psi increase
- C. Perflex, Regenex DE filters-if 5-10psi increase
Check filter if pressure rises too quickly
- D. Clean pool until pool is physically clean

Monitor filter for pressure increase
Backwash 3-5 min, rinse 30 sec.
Backwash 3-5 min, rinse. Add new DE
Bump 5-7 times. No new DE now
Bump 5-7 times. Drain & add new DE
Brush, skimmer & manual vacuum unit

8. For pools with existing algae and/mold, see directions for "Treating Pools with Algae/Mold".

9. Initial Water Sample to Royal Pools and Spas, Inc.:

- A. Take pool sample 18 inches below water level
- B. Consultation with lab professionals
- C. Discuss water balance, shock and algaecide
- D. Discuss Chemical System for Summer
- E. Purchase Season's Supply of Chemicals

Bring first sample to lab
Water Bottle-labeled
Review water analysis
Add water balance chemicals, filter on
Add first shock with filter on, brush pool
Start Chemical system for summer

10. Follow-Up Water Sample to Royal Pools and Spas, Inc.:

- A. Take sample from 18 inches below pool surface
- B. Follow-up results from pool analysis
- C. Clean skimmer basket daily
- D. Brush walls, floor & seams weekly
- E. Vacuum pool weekly
- F. Filter pool daily

Bring sample to our Water Care Center
within one week
Water Bottle-labeled
Add weekly chemicals
Rinse basket in bucket of water
Pool brush and telescopic pole
Automatic pool cleaner or manual unit
Minimum of 8-12 continuous hours