



Spring Pool Opening Instructions

Start a hose

You will need extra water when vacuuming the pool

Covers

Mesh safety covers

You should be able to sweep up the debris on the cover. You can also use a Blower.

Get the cover off the Pool using the tool provided by with the Cover. It's a long Bar. Store the Cover in the special bag provided by the Manufacturer. Store the Cover in a appropriate place. It's best out of the sunlight.

Tarp covers

Remember when pumping off the top of a cover, you are lowering the water level under the cover in the Pool itself

Empty and roll up the water tubes, throw away the leaking ones.

Automatic Pool Covers

Clean the cover as appropriate when you put it back on the Pool

Note: Automatic Pool Covers are not recommended as Winter Covers due to the lower water level in the Pool during the winter.

Cleaning the Pool

Did the Pool have a mesh safety cover on it?

If so, likely only dust will be left in Pool

Did the Pool have a solid cover that was removed without dumping debris in Pool?

If so, the Pool will likely be pretty clean

Is the water clear?

Can you see how much debris is in the Pool?

Are you unable to see the Bottom?

Are you suspicious that there could be a great deal of debris in the Pool?



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How to Vacuum the Pool - How to remove larger debris?

Vacuum to Waste

If possible, vacuum to waste if your Filter System will allow it. This is typically available on Sand Filters with Multi-port Valves. Use the DRAIN or WASTE position and vacuum the Pool. The dirty water will go directly out the waste line. Be sure to watch the area where the water is going to avoid floods.

Otherwise Leaf Vacuum the Pool

If you decide to Leaf Vacuum the pool, be systematic and leaf vacuum everywhere to remove as much debris as possible. Leaf Vacuums remove large debris but not fine debris. They cloud the water in the Pool temporarily.

When Power Vacuuming Pool, watch where you are pumping the waste water to avoid floods

Note: Can no longer pump to the street into storm drains per County Codes

You can rent a Power Vacuum Pump with a Leaf Cannister at any of the Pool World locations.

Whether the Pool looks clean or not -

Brush the Pool walls and bottom. Be thorough. This cleans stubborn debris from the sides and bottom.
Brush Water / Tile Line.

Install Deck Equipment as necessary

Be sure to assemble the Ladders with Bumpers for the Walls

These should be replaced if they are worn or hard to protect the Pool surface.

Be sure to assemble Diving Boards properly and then Tighten the Bolts adequately

Be sure the water line to the Slide is operational

Be sure the Slide is tight and in place

General Cleaning and Housekeeping

Spray off decks

Clean up your equipment rooms

Clean up skimmer basket waste

Store Winter Plugs and Accessories in a bag in a good place for use again next Fall

Wipe off the filter system equipment and pick up garbage in the room.



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Draining Pools:

Draining pools is dangerous business. If there is a water table, you can pop the pool from the ground. If you have a vinyl lined pool, then the liner can shrink during the draining and render it useless. Dangerous.

Another and safer method is to Dilute the water by draining to 1' in the shallow end. Then refilling the pool and repeating as required.

Installing Plugs and Accessories onto the Mechanical Equipment

Replace o-rings and plugs as necessary

Chlorinator o-rings often dry out and need replacement

Chlorinators take Special Viton O'rings due to the Harsh Environment

Re-Install Chemical probes for Strantrols, Chemtrols, Intellichems

Note: These probes often need to acclimate to the new water in the Spring. Be careful to watch the chlorine and acid feed in the first couple of days to make sure you don't have a 'run away' condition in the feed cycle due to a bad probe.

Pool Fittings:

Put float valves in skimmer(s). This is a 'flying saucer' looking device that goes in the bottom of the Skimmer.

Pump priming

If you are having a hard time priming the pump, see the Pump priming instructions on the Pool World website under "Services - How to Worksheets and helpful Video Links"

Heaters

Gas on

Breaker on

Interlocks on Standard Time Clocks - put them back in place and set the time

Pool Controls like Jandy / Zodiac Aqualink, Pentair Compools, Pentair Intellitouch, Pentair Easy Touch,

Be sure to set the time and check the programming on these for the season

Filters:

Be sure and clean the filter when you first start the Pool

Sand

Backwash

Cartridge

Clean

DE

Open and make sure all DE is gone, then re-charge DE



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Pool Cleaners

Install and adjust as necessary to put them into operation

You should only put the Pool Cleaner in the Pool when it is relatively clean. Pool Cleaners are effective in keeping a Pool clean, not cleaning up the mess from a long hard winter.

Mineral cartridges

Install a new Mineral Cartridge in your Feeder after the pool water is clear.
Throw out the old one from the prior season

Warning about Unsafe Pool Equipment

Cracked diving boards should be replaced
Vents for the Gas Fired Pool Equipment should be open

Leaks / Repairs

Repair equipment leaks as necessary
Pool World can perform these repairs if necessary

Water chemistry

Bring 1 Quart of Pool Water to a Pool World store for testing and treatment of the Pool
This is best after 24 hours of operation of the Pump system

Note for Algae Treatment:

Consult with Pool World on how to treat algae if present in your Pool

Pool Size

Write down the size of the pool, be accurate on dimensions and depths.

When Shocking Pool with Chlorine

Leave Cover off Pool with due caution and care for safety
About 10 ppm of chlorine can damage a cover

Any Questions?

Stop by a Pool World Store or call us at the numbers below for help!