



Tips For The Easiest Water Care . . . EVER!

Tip #1 - pH Control:

The single most important test you can perform is that of testing your pool water pH to determine how much chlorine is being released into the pool water.

At pH 7.0 - 75% of your chlorine is sanitizing pool water;

At pH 7.5 - 50% of your chlorine is sanitizing pool water;

At pH 8.0 - 23% of your chlorine is sanitizing pool water;

You can quickly see that pH control not only determines how much chlorine is effectively working in your pool but **how much money you are wasting if pH gets too high**. At higher pH levels, chlorine is in a sense idle and wasting to the atmosphere. For best results, maintain pool water pH between: 7.2 to 7.6.

Tip #2 – Pool Treatments:

1. Maintain adequate chlorine (chlorine or salt pools) residuals or levels of 1.5 to 3.0 ppm.
2. Use an algaecide routinely – ask a pool store for an algaecide that does not consume or reduce chlorine levels. This makes it easier to keep the pool water balanced.

Note: In particular, avoid products that contain sodium bromide because they turn a chlorine pool into a bromine pool. This causes excessive chlorine usage and higher cost. Use a different type of algaecide such as Algatec® or Pooltec® brands.

Tip #3 - Testing:

Routinely test pool water and periodically have your pool water tested at a pool store. Check alkalinity (for scale-stain control), water hardness, and conditioner (stabilizes chlorine) at least once per year. *This helps to keep surfaces protected and chlorine working optimally.*

Tip #4 – Over Treatment Caution:

Avoid the unnecessary addition of chemical treatments to pool water unless they are really needed.

1. Phosphate removers have become popular in recent years to control and starve algae. Use a phosphate remover properly when phosphate levels are above 1,000 ppb. Reduce phosphates to approx. 300 to 500 ppb, *then maintain adequate chlorine and pH levels as described above to keep most pools clean. Remember, algaecides kill algae.*
2. Scale-Stain control products are widely used and many of these products contain very high levels of phosphates. One bottle of a typical phosphate based product can add as much as 1100 to 3600 ppb phosphates. Unknown to most, these products are only effective about one week in chlorine pools. *Use these products cautiously.*