



Pool Opening

How Do I Open My Pool?

Step 1: Remove Your Cover

To make removal of your cover easier, be sure to drain as much water off the top of the cover as possible. Slowly remove your cover so that unwanted debris (leaves, twigs, etc.) that has accumulated on your cover over the winter does not fall into your pool. To further extend the life of your pool cover, thoroughly remove any dirt and grime from your cover with a mild soap and rinse with your garden hose.

Step 2: Connect Your Pool Equipment

If your filtration system was cleaned before closing your pool in the fall, then attach the hoses and open all valves. If your system needs to be cleaned or the sand needs to be replaced, now is the time to do it. Follow manufacturer's guidelines to accurately ready your pump, filter and heater for the swimming season. Free skimmer basket and lint pot of debris and remove all winterizing plugs. If Antifreeze was used, vacuum out the lines or let it drain into the pool.

Step 3: Add Water

Begin adding water until $\frac{3}{4}$ of the skimmer is covered.

Step 4: Clean Your Pool

Once the pool is filled, it is time to skim and vacuum. Chemicals are much more effective if the pool is clear of debris. Clarifier will help your filter remove small particles that ordinary vacuuming can't pick up.

Step 5: Adjust Your Pool's pH & Alkalinity Levels

pH is the most important component of your pool water. The pH level must be between 7.2 and 7.6. This can be accomplished with pH Increaser or pH Reducer. To keep your pool's pH from fluctuating, maintain an Alkalinity level of 80-120 parts per million (ppm). Use Alkalinity Increaser or pH Reducer to control your alkalinity level.

Step 6: Shock Your Pool

To effectively oxidize your pool water, add Super Pool Shock at a rate of 1 lb. per 10,000 gallons.

Step 7: Stabilize Your Pool

To prevent the rapid loss of chlorine, add Stabilizer at a rate of 2-1/2 lbs. per 10,000 gallons. Completely dissolve the required amount of Stabilizer in a bucket of water and add to pool water.

Step 8: Sanitize Your Pool

To make swimming safe and economical, maintain proper levels of sanitizer with Chlorine. The chlorine level must read between 1-3 ppm. Chlorine can be added in tablet or granular form.

Step 9: Add Algaecide

Add algaecide as a preventative measure for keeping your water free of algae. Poly 60 is the recommended algaecide to help fight off those pesky algae blooms!

Step 10: Checkers Water Conditioning Start-Up Kits

Our kits save you time and money! Checkers offers the kit in 5 convenient sizes to fit your pool. Each kit includes the necessary chemicals for getting your pool ready for the swimming season.