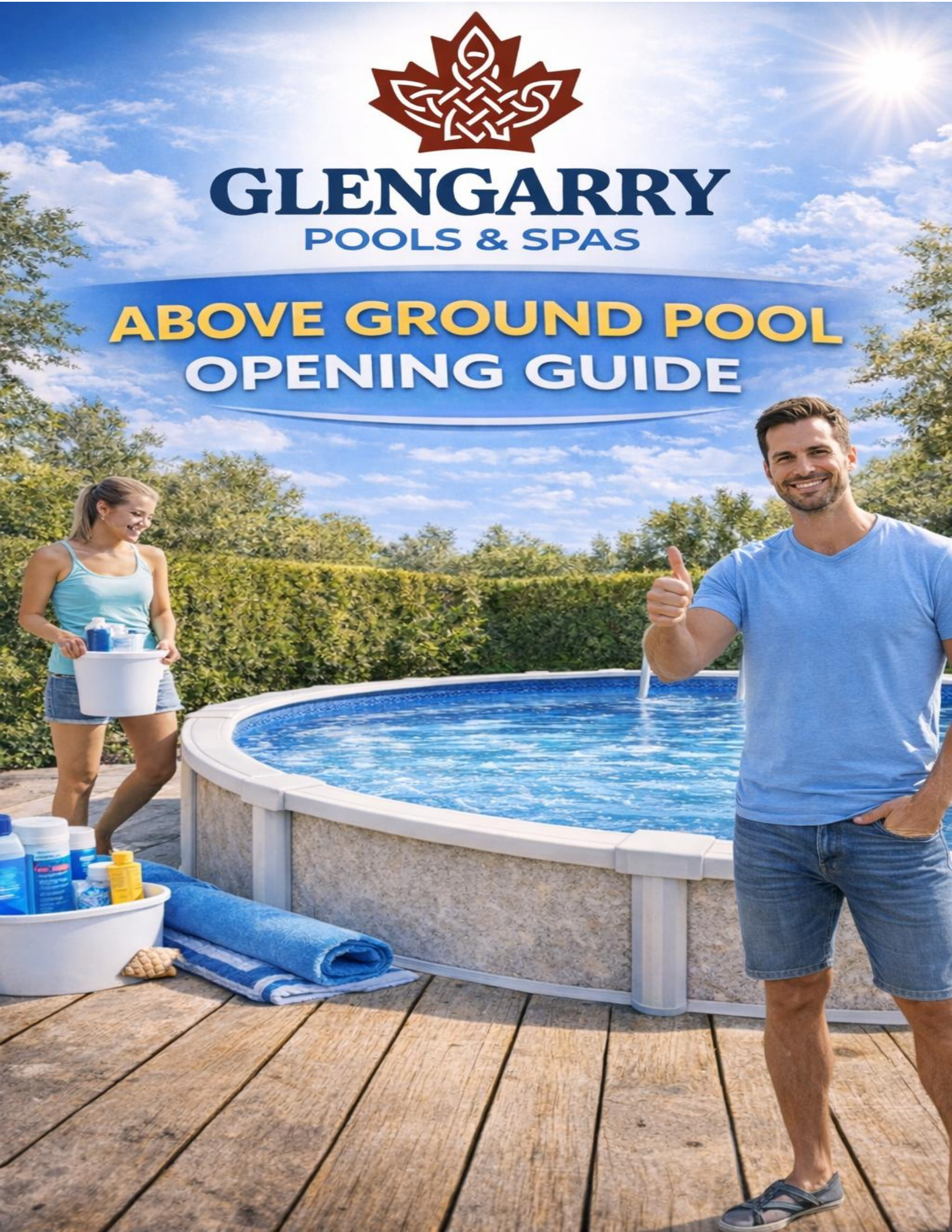




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**ABOVE GROUND POOL
OPENING GUIDE**



OPENING GUIDE - DETAILED STEPS

Step-by-Step Pool Opening Process

- Step 1 — Remove Water & Debris from the Cover**

Drain standing water from the top of the pool cover using a submersible pump. Remove leaves and debris using a soft broom or skimmer net.

Try to minimize the amount of dirty water entering the pool as much as possible. Some debris may still enter the pool, but it will be removed during cleaning and filtration.
- Step 2 — Remove the Winter Cover**

Once debris and standing water are removed, carefully remove the cover from the pool. Lay it out flat to clean and prepare it for storage.

Removing the cover when it is dry makes it easier to sweep away debris that accumulated over the winter.
- Step 3 — Clean and Store the Winter Cover**

Clean the cover using water, winter cover cleaner, and a brush. Allow the cover to dry completely before folding and storing.

Tip: Placing a garden hose under the cover before removing it can help raise the water level and make cover removal easier.
- Step 4 — Fill Pool to Proper Level**

Fill the pool until the water level reaches approximately halfway up the skimmer opening to allow proper circulation when the pump is started.

Tip: Placing a garden hose under the cover before removing it can help raise the water level and make cover removal easier.
- Step 5 — Remove Winterizing Devices**

Remove winterizing devices such as foam rope, gizzmos, skimmer covers, and winter plugs. Reconnect the pump and return lines if they were disconnected during winterization.

Helpful Pool Opening Tips

- Remove as much debris as possible from the cover before removal.
- Always allow the winter cover to dry before storage to prevent mildew.
- Inspect pool equipment and fittings before starting the pump.

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OPENING GUIDE – FINAL STEPS

Step-by-Step Pool Opening Process

- Step 6 — Replace Skimmer & Return Fittings**

Check the skimmer weir (flapper door) and replace worn parts if needed. Remove winter plugs and reinstall return fittings angled 33° - 45° downward for proper circulation.
- Step 7 — Reinstall Lights, Ladders & Accessories**

Install pool lights in their niches and ensure they work properly. Reinstall ladders, rails, diving boards, and accessories.

Tip: Lubricate all bolts to help prevent rust and make fall closing easier.
- Step 8 — Connect & Start Pool Equipment**

Connect pump, filter, heater, and circulation equipment. Inspect gauges and replace drain plugs if needed.

Tip: Check pump lid O-ring and lubricate with silicone for a proper seal.
- Step 9 — Clean Pool & Add Opening Chemicals**

Brush pool walls and floor, remove debris with a leaf net, and vacuum the pool. Add opening chemicals and balance water chemistry.

Allow water to circulate for 8–24 hours before testing.

Helpful Pool Opening Tips



Run pump continuously for **24–48** hours



Check all connections for leaks



Balance water chemistry (pH, Alkalinity, Sanitizer)



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Above Ground Pool OPENING CHECKLIST

Step-by-Step Pool Opening Process

- Step 1 — Gather Your Supplies**
Make sure you have all required opening chemicals and tools ready.
- Step 2 — Remove the Winter Cover**
Pump off standing water and remove leaves and debris.
- Step 3 — Clean and Store the Cover**
Rinse the cover, allow it to dry, and store it properly.
- Step 4 — Reconnect Pool Equipment**
Reconnect pump, filter, hoses, and skimmer.
- Step 5 — Reinstall Pool Accessories**
Install ladder, return fittings, and skimmer basket.
- Step 6 — Fill Pool to Proper Level**
Water should reach halfway up the skimmer opening.
- Step 7 — Start Pump & Filter System**
Ensure proper circulation and check for leaks.
- Step 8 — Clean the Pool**
Brush the pool walls and vacuum debris.
- Step 9 — Add Opening Chemicals**
Shock the pool and begin balancing water chemistry.

Equipment You May Need

- Pool Pump
- Skimmer Net or Soft Broom
- Winter Cover Cleaner
- Pool Brush & Vacuum
- Opening Chemicals

