



GET READY FOR SUMMER

Preseason Maintenance for Backyard Pools and Spas

As you schedule your seasonal pool opening with your maintenance company, prioritize safety as you transform your backyard into a summer paradise. Preparing a checklist in advance is crucial to guaranteeing that your pool is clean, safe, and primed for everyone's enjoyment in the coming season. Here's a comprehensive checklist to walk you through the process:



Professional Check List:

1. Inspect the Pool and Spa Safety Cover:
 - Check the cover for any tears, holes, or damage.
 - Clean off any debris or leaves accumulated on the cover.
 - Complete any required repairs and store properly
2. Remove Winterizing Materials:
 - If applicable, remove any winterizing plugs from the pool equipment.
 - Remove winterizing chemicals from the pool/spa water.
3. Inspect Pool/Spa Equipment:
 - Check the pool pump, filter, and heater for visible damage or leaks.
 - Ensure all equipment is connected correctly and functioning.
4. Check Water Level:
 - Ensure the water level is at the appropriate level for proper filtration.

- Add water if necessary.
5. Inspect Pool/ Spa Structure:
 - Look for any cracks, chips, or damage to the pool structure.
 - Pay special attention to the pool walls, floor, and coping.
 6. Test Pool/Spa Water:
 - Test the water for pH, chlorine, alkalinity, and calcium hardness levels.
 - Adjust chemicals as needed to achieve proper balance.
 - Shock the pool if necessary to eliminate any bacteria or algae.
 7. Inspect Plumbing:
 - Check for leaks or damage in the plumbing system.
 - Ensure all valves are operating correctly.
 8. Clean and Service Filter:
 - Clean or backwash the pool/spa filter according to the manufacturer's instructions.
 - Replace filter media if necessary.
 9. Inspect Lights:
 - Test pool lights to ensure they are working correctly.
 - Replace any bulbs that are burnt out.
 10. Inspect Accessories:
 - Check the condition of pool/spa accessories such as ladders, handrails, and diving boards.
 - Tighten any loose bolts or screws.
 11. Check Electrical Connections:
 - Inspect electrical connections for pool equipment, lights, and accessories.
 - Ensure all connections are secure and in good condition.
 12. Check the auto vacuum:
 - Check the cord for damage.
 - Clean the filter according to the manufacturer's instructions.

[Homeowner's Check List:](#)

1. Ensure that safety fences and gates are in good condition and functioning correctly.
 - Inspect you Spa lid to ensure it closes and locks.
2. Check Safety Equipment:
 - Check that life-saving equipment such as life rings and shepherd's hooks are readily accessible.
3. Clean Deck and Surrounding Area:
 - Remove debris, leaves, or dirt from the pool deck and surrounding area.
 - Trim back any overhanging branches or plants.
4. Check your cleaning equipment and products.
 - Safely dispose of expired chemicals and replace them.

Tip: Do not purchase more than you need for the season. Many pool sanitizing and cleaning products have a finite shelf life.
5. Replace your water test kit chemicals.
6. If you have a leaf cover, inspect the cover and its roller.
7. Review the scheduled maintenance plan with your pool company
 - Keep in mind any holidays you have planned
 - If you do it all yourself, consider scheduling a visit during your family vacation.