



HOW TO OPEN YOUR SWIMMING POOL FOR THE SEASON

Temperatures are rising, and soon it will be time to open your swimming pool for the season.

Depending on where you live in the country, most pool owners open their swimming pools sometime between March and May. As a rule of thumb, it's time to open your pool when daytime temperatures consistently rise above 70°, ensuring comfortable temperatures for swimming.

Opening your pool is easy. Whether you're a novice or experienced pool owner, anyone can quickly and confidently open their pool. Follow these step-by-step instructions to get your pool ready for the season!

1 Safety Inspection

Over the winter months, the condition of your pool equipment may have deteriorated. Always start by conducting a safety inspection of your pool equipment pad for signs of wear and tear. Call the appropriate service professional before proceeding if loose wires, cracked lines, or other hazards are observed.

2 Clean and Remove Your Pool Cover

If your pool was covered for the winter, remove excess dirt and debris to prevent it from entering your pool water. For solid pool covers, use a sump pump or cover pump to drain off any standing water.

Remove your pool cover and lay it out flat to dry. For large pools, it's helpful to have an extra set of hands to remove the cover. Once dry, neatly fold and store your pool cover in a clean, dry place.

3 Add Water

Many pools are partially drained during the winter months. Check your water level, and if necessary, add water using a garden hose until it reaches the middle of your skimmer opening.

4 Unplug and Reinstall Accessories

Depending on the type of pool that you own, winterizing plugs may have been installed into your skimmer, return lines, or equipment. Remove all plugs. Then, reinstall your ladders, handrails, return line fittings, and any other accessories.



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Per your pool equipment owner's manual, make any needed valve adjustments, prime your pool pump (if necessary), and start your circulation system. Most newer pool pumps are self-priming; however, always follow your owner's manual instructions upon start-up.



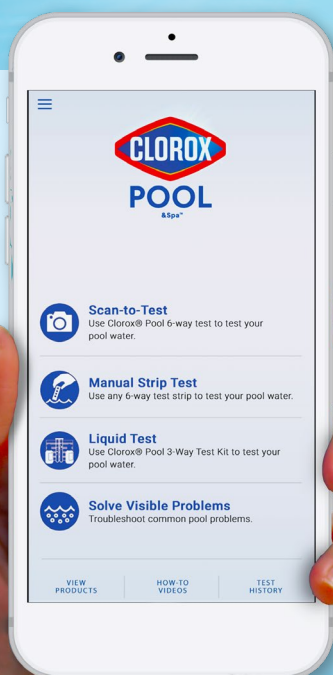
Now it's time to give your pool a good cleaning. First, skim the water surface with a skim net. Next, use a pool brush to scrub the walls and a pool vacuum to remove visible debris. Finally, let your filter run for 24 hours to filter out lingering dirt particles.



Pool shock removes microscopic contaminants and improves water filtration. First, apply a shock to clear your water. Following the shock application, adding Chlorine tablets is recommended to reach and maintain a 1-4 ppm free chlorine residual.



Algaecides can help treat existing algae that may have developed over the winter months and prevent them from growing in the days after opening your pool. Apply a multi-functional algaecide that treats and prevents green, mustard, and black pool algae.



Now you're ready to dive in!

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