



OPENING YOUR POOL w/ CHLORINE

DAY ONE: Uncovering and Filling

Step 1: Begin your spring start up by making sure the pump, filter and other hardware are hooked up properly. If the filter was not cleaned before closing the pool last season, clean it now using a filter cleaner available at either Pettis location. This will remove built up deposits that may affect the filter performance, and to give a fresh start to your pool filtration.

Step 2: If you are using a solid pool cover, drain off any water on top of the cover first to avoid spillover into the pool while uncovering. After this, you will want to lay the cover out on the ground, sweep it off and let it dry. Next, use a cover cleaner to clean and protect the cover. Once the cover is dry, fold and store it in a clean, dry place, out of direct sunlight. Make sure to check the pool over for any damage that may have happened during the winter. Check especially for leaks or breaks in the vinyl liner or sides of the pool. Once you've checked over the pool, begin to add water until it reaches about half way up the skimmer opening. Remove any debris that may be on the water with a skimmer or similar leaf net.

DAY TWO: Testing and Adding Chemicals

Step 3: Once your pool is full of water, run the filter and make sure everything is running correctly. If there is debris on the bottom, run the vacuum while the filter is running, and make sure you brush the walls and floor off too. Run the filter for at least 24 hours before continuing on to the next step.

Step 4: At this point, you should bring the water into either of our Pettis locations to have the water tested before you add any chemicals. Our water test lab personnel will run some tests to determine if there are any adjustments you should make prior to adding your basic sanitizing chemicals.

Step 5: In a chlorine pool do not add stabilizer (also called conditioner) until your water is tested and the results show that you really need it. The pool water must also be clear. The stabilizer could increase the cloudiness. Too little stabilizer will result in loss of chlorine to the ultraviolet rays of the sun; too much could reduce the effectiveness of your chlorine.