



## **OPENING YOUR POOL** **w/ E-Z Pool**

### **DAY ONE: Uncovering and Filling**

**Step 1:** Begin your spring start up by making sure the pump, filter and other hardware are hooked back 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. If this year will be your first year on the E-Z Pool system, do not clean the filter just yet, as you will need to clean the filter one week after the initial E-Z Pool dose using Muriatic Acid.

**Step 2:** If you are using a solid pool cover, drain off any water on top of it to avoid spillover into the pool once 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.

### **REVIVE: E-Z Pool's No Algae Guarantee**

**Step 3:** In order to get E-Z Pool's no algae guarantee, you must use REVIVE, a phosphate and metal remover. Before running the filter and adding chemicals, hook the REVIVE bottle up to a garden hose and spray the recommended dose over the surface of the pool. After you spray the REVIVE, let the water sit still for 24 hours, allowing all of the particles to fall to the bottom of the pool. After 24 hours, vacuum to waste all of the settled debris on the pool bottom. Run the filter for another 24 hours. Because of the pressure built up in the filter from this process, you will need to backwash the filter (for no longer than 2 minutes).

**NOTE:** If algae is already present, DO NOT add REVIVE, bring your water to Pettis to be tested, and to fix the algae problem first.

## **DAY TWO: Testing and Adding Chemicals**

**Step 4:** 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 5:** 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 6:** When using E-Z Pool you must start the season with a minimum level of 350 ppm of calcium hardness. Once you have balanced your water with the help of our staff, you can begin adding E-Z Pool and chlorine to the water.

## **After the First Week: Chemically Cleaning the Filter**

**Step 7:** After your first week of using E-Z Pool, you will need to clean the filter with Muriatic Acid. If you have a cartridge filter, shut off the water to the filter and remove the cartridge. Soak the cartridge in a solution of 1 gal. Muriatic Acid per 5 gal. of water for 8-12 hours. If you're using a sand filter, you will need to mix 1 gal. of Muriatic Acid with 3 gal. of water. Pour the solution into the skimmer basket while the filter is on backwash. Keep the filter on backwash for 5 seconds, and shut the filter off. Let sit for 8-12 hours, and backwash out for 2 minutes after this.