

Get your pool ready for Summer



It's almost time to get your togs on again - make sure your pool is ready when you are!

If you've not paid much attention to your pool over the winter months, you're not alone.

Only 4%* of Australian pools have their water balanced to within Australian Standards during winter - meaning that 96% of pools are not safe to swim in!

So now that the weather is warming up again, it's a good idea to get that pool sanitised and ready for swimming as soon as you are!

1. Take a look at all your **fence and gate**, and make sure everything is in order. Sometimes those self closing locks can be a bit touchy after a period without use, and a squirt of WD40 will be in order.

2. Assuming you've had a pool cover on, sweep or

blow any leaves or debris off before you remove it, so they don't fall into the water.

3. Most people will need to start with a 'shock' treatment. (And some of you will have already had one when you pulled the cover off).

Collect a water sample, and take it to your pool shop for professional analysis - they can tell you exactly what chemicals you will need to get your **water balanced** correctly. Most pool shops offer this as a free service, on the proviso that you purchase your chemicals from them.

4. **Check your pump** and other equipment is working correctly. If anything looks funny, smells funny or sounds funny, call in a professional. Clean out your pump baskets and lubricate your O Rings.

5. If you have a sand filter, it's time to **backwash**. If it's a cartridge filter, pull it out and give it a clean.

6. **Set your filter** to operate 6-8 hours a day - preferably during the hottest part of the day if you are using a pool cover. This prevents a build up of chlorine gas from damaging your cover.

7. Thoroughly clean the pool and **vacuum** the walls and floor.

Spring/Summer Maintenance

- Operate filter 6-8 hours a day
- Check PH & Chlorine daily
- Check Alkalinity weekly
- Empty skimmer basket & lint pot as needed
- Keep water level halfway up skimmer box opening

Talk to your local Pool Shop for more information on chemical requirements.

* According to data collected by PoolWerx in 2012 during a sample of 1000 Australian domestic swimming pools.

