



Opening Your Pool

The summer season is fast approaching. The sight of families heading to their swimming pools and getting ready for this exciting time of the year is terrific. Pool owners start by pulling back their pool covers, hosing off their lawn furniture and sprucing up their backyards for another season of good ol' summertime living. And, those who winterized their pools the year before are already on their way to enjoying another fabulous season of sun, fun and poolside leisure time.

To ensure a smooth, carefree pool opening in the spring and a safe and easily maintained pool through the long summer months **the following steps are required:**

1. **REMOVE, CLEAN AND STORE THE POOL COVER:** Drain off any accumulated water on the cover away from the pool. Once the cover is removed, clean with BioGuard® Stow Away® as per label directions, to prevent the cover from sticking and emitting bad odours. Store in a dry place, free of debris and protected from the sun and weather.
2. **WINTERIZING DEVICES:** Remove all the winterizing devices from the skimmer & return lines and replace the return fittings and skimmer equipment.
3. **FILL OR TOP OFF POOL:** The water level should be about the middle of the skimmer opening to allow proper circulation. Be sure to remove any large debris from the pool.
4. **PREPARE THE EQUIPMENT:** Check pump, skimmer basket, filter and other pool equipment for proper operation.
5. **CLEAN FILTER:** Clean filter if it was not done at closing, using BioGuard Filter Brite® as per label instructions.
6. **START PUMP:** Be sure to circulate pool water 24-48 hours before taking a water sample. Use a clean plastic container or a BioGuard water sample bottle that your dealer provides; scoop about one litre of water from elbow-depth. Seal the container and take it to your BioGuard Dealer for testing and analysis.

Test the pool water for the following:

Ideal Factors for Pools

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| Free chlorine residual | 1.0-3.0 ppm |
| Total bromine | 2.0-6.0 ppm |
| Stabilizer | 40-100 ppm |
| pH | 7.4-7.6 |
| Total Alkalinity | |
| ◆ Concrete | 80-125 ppm |
| ◆ Vinyl & Other | 125-150 ppm |
| Calcium Hardness | |
| ◆ Concrete | 200-275 ppm |
| ◆ Vinyl, painted, fiberglass | 175-225 ppm |
| Metal (Iron, copper, manganese) All pools | None |

7. **REMOVE ALL ORGANIC WASTES:** After the water has been tested, add BioGuard Power Chlor® as per label directions, through the skimmer. This treatment oxidizes water soluble and non – filterable wastes. Power Chlor also super-sanitizes to kill many resistant microbes that may be immune to daily treatments. **Warning: Do not apply this product directly to the water. Apply Power Chlor slowly through the skimmer. Always run the pump for 2-4 hours after applying product.**
8. **PREVENT ALGAE GROWTH:** Use BioGuard Banish® as per label directions to prevent any algae growth from occurring.
9. **ROUTINE MAINTENANCE:** Begin your normal pool care maintenance.

How to Open a Pool With Algae:

1. Follow the steps listed above on “opening your pool”.
2. Make sure that your pool water is balanced.
3. Treat the pool with Power Chlor at the rate of 120 grams per 10,000 litres of water. **Note: Do not apply this product directly to the water. Apply Power Chlor slowly through the skimmer.**
4. Use Erase Algicide at the rate of 100 ml/10,000 L. Follow all directions on the label for treating algae.
5. Use BioGuard Clarifying Tablets in the skimmer according to label directions to help remove oxidized and partially oxidized organics.
6. Chemically clean the filter with Filter Brite after completing the algae treatment.

NOTE: It is VERY important to brush the pool before and during algae treatments and operate the system 24 hours a day during treatment.