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- If your pool is clean, clear, & properly balanced, turn your pool pump off at night to retain heat, reduce water loss, & save money on electricity. <u>You don't have to run your pool 24/7 if it's clear</u> <u>& balanced</u>. Running the filter system during the day is recommended to ensure algae does not begin growing, it's harder for algae to grow during the night.
- Ask about our liquid solar covers that can also help retain heat & reduce water loss!
- In an aboveground, round pool, keeping your return jet cocked down & turned to the side (not rippling the top of the water) will help move dirt and debris to the middle of the pool & help reduce the time you spend vacuuming. You should keep your jet like this all the time.
- If you have an issue with pollen, leaves, bugs, or other things lying on top of the water, turn your
 return jet up to ripple the top of the water to help move these things to the skimmer basket
 however, you should not keep your return jet in this position all the time because it won't filter
 the pool properly.
- If you still have an issue with sweat bees, water bugs, or any other pests, we have a chemical called "Skimmer Support" which breaks the water tension, meaning that any bug that lands on the water will instantly sink to the bottom instead of lying on top of the water & can be vacuumed out later.
- Do not be afraid of shocking your pool if it is cloudy, many of times a cloudy pool can be as simple as a lack of sanitizer.
- Skimmer basket liners catch <u>everything</u> & can be reused; however, they work so well you should keep an eye on them because it can break your skimmer basket.
- Using a calcium-based shock every week instead of a stabilized or liquid shock can help raise your calcium level throughout the summer without you having to buy Calcium Hardness. If you are confused on what shock you are using (all of our granular shock is calcium-based) feel free to ask us. We say, if you cannot pronounce the active ingredients, do not use it!
- Keep your pool on a schedule and tested regularly, it is cheaper on you than waiting for it to become green or cloudy (plus we will always test for free!)
- Use Pool Perfect Total every week the day after shocking to ensure a clean, algae-free pool. Ask us for more information!
- Storing your vacuum head & brushes upside down & out of the sun will reduce the wear and tear of the bristles and lengthen the life of your equipment.
- Ask us about our closing checklist for closing aboveground pools if you want to save money & do it yourself.
- During the summer, run your pool 10-12 hours a day however, during mild climates towards the end of the year (because it is harder for algae to grow in cooler water), you can cut that time back to around 6 hours a day. (ask us about our pump timers!)
- It is cheaper to buy chemicals in bulk.
- Shocking your pool weekly (we recommend Sunday night) is cheaper than waiting until the pool begins turning cloudy or green.
- Keeping leaves out of the pool will help reduce your chances of algae. Ask us about our automatic cleaners to help maintain a clean pool & save time.
- Keeping an eye on your stabilizer level is <u>VITAL</u>. If your stabilizer level ever gets too high you can experience uncontrollable algae, bleaching or wrinkling of the liner, damage to equipment,



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railing or other metal components, and possibly effecting your health and causing you to have to drain your pool. *See Our Stabilizer Sheet for More Details*

- Only backwashing your pool when you must can help your sand and reduce the amount of water you waste. You should only have to backwash your filter if your pressure rises 10 additional pounds than your usual (everyone's varies) and you should only backwash until the water in the sight glass turns clear.
- You do not have to have a chlorine floater or a chlorinator, you can keep your chlorine tablets in your skimmer basket. (DO NOT add chlorine tablets to your pump basket)
- If your sand filter is having a hard time filtering out the smaller particles, adding a small cup of D.E powder through your skimmer will help by creating a layer over your sand and help trap out the smaller particles.
- If you have an abundance of oils from tanning lotions, makeup, hair products, or etc, dropping a tennis ball into your skimmer (with the basket in) or just letting a couple tennis balls float in the pool will help absorb these oils
- Keeping your winter cover free of leaves and debris will make your cover last longer thus, saving you from having to replace your cover every. If you are having a difficult time cleaning off your winter cover from all the leaves and other debris that has gathered over the winter, using a leaf blower will help speed up the process. Making sure to wait until a dry day will make cleaning your winter cover a breeze.

