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**Welcome to Donemans Pool Centre's
News Splash April 2013 Edition.**

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Keeping your pool in tip top shape

Pool Maintenance varies greatly through the seasons and is also dependent on climate. But for all pool owners, there are a **number of key steps you need to take to ensure you keep your pool in tip top condition.**

By following a regular maintenance program – either by doing it your self or by engaging Donemans Pool Centre Service Technicians – you will **save both time and money**, and make the most of your very special asset.



Seasonal Maintenance - Autumn

Pool Owners are increasingly opting to extend their swimming season, thanks to advances in pool covers and more economical solar, electrical and gas heating solutions. However, for most of us, the traditional swimming season is tied to the natural seasons – and during winter, our pools remain covered and unused.

Here are some tips to keep your pool tip top during Autumn –

- Clean your pool more regularly to remove Autumn leaves and other debris
- Use your pool cover more often to prevent leaves and debris causing damage to your skimmer
- Reduce filtration hours as the days get cooler
- **'Winterise' your pool using Tropical Pool Algicide**

Before it gets too cold, jump in your pool and give it a good scrub. Although your automatic pool cleaner has probably been helping you out all summer, you now need to give it a hand for better results. **The cleaner your pool is before winter sets in, the less likely you are to have trouble with it.** Focus on tiles and grout and any sneaky corners.

While you are at it, give all your **pool equipment a good clean; skimmers, filters and any other pool cleaning devices are good at harboring scum and can infect your pool while it lays dormant over Winter.**

As the colder weather sets in **seek professional pool maintenance to ensure your water is balanced** and at its best after the abundance of summer swimming and before the stagnant winter.

Pool Blankets

Why should you consider purchasing one....

The answer is that it will substantially increase the value and return on the investment you have made in your pool or spa by achieving the following;
*Keeping evaporation to a minimum, you not only save water, but you also save on the cost of chemicals as you don't have to rebalance your pool after topping up.

*Blankets keep the pool cleaner – about 80% to 90% of debris is kept out of the pool.

*Reduces pool heating costs by up to 50%. Effectively 90% of heat loss is from the surface of the pool.

*Extend the swimming season. Even without other forms of heating on the pool, the addition of a pool blanket can result in a temperature increase of from 6-8 degrees in a pool that has a sunny aspect.



Contact our office today for your further information and pricing on Solar Blankets & Rollers.

Need help maintaining your pool over the cooler months or just want help getting it cleaned up and ready for Winter?

Contact us, or call into our shop to chat to our friendly staff about the options available!

Easy Spa Maintenance

Owning a spa is all about luxurious relaxation in your own backyard. However, spas require a similar maintenance regime to swimming pools. Here are some essential tips for your **weekly spa maintenance so you can be assured of a sparkling clean and healthy spa.**

1. Balancing

Balancing the water is the first essential step of properly maintaining your spa. The term refers to keeping the **levels of pH, total alkalinity and calcium hardness in the water steady; the right level of all these things will make the water more comfortable to swim in, and less likely to affect the skin and eyes of swimmers.**

2. Sanitising

Proper sanitisation of your spa's water achieves three things:

- It kills bacteria, fungi and health threatening contaminants
- It oxidises these contaminants
- It creates a residual effect which prevents instant re-infection

3. Oxidising

Oxidising is the best way to dissolve organic and inorganic material such as make-up, sweat or bugs, which can contaminate your spa. Fortunately, some sanitisers also oxidise, making your job easier.

If you only use your spa a few times a week with around three people in it, then you should only have to oxidise once every two or three weeks (unless your sanitiser does not oxidise, then you need to do it weekly).

However, if there is a higher level of organic or inorganic materials in the water than usual due to more frequent use or use by more people, you might want to oxidise it as soon as you can.

4. Clarifying

Clarifying the water works to prevent or treat water that looks dull or cloudy. Dull water can be a result of heavy use, weather conditions, insufficient filtration or sanitisers not doing their job properly.

Otherwise, **regularly working a clarifier into your spa maintenance routine will help prevent the water from becoming dull or cloudy in the first place.**

5. Filtering

Filtration of your spa should be ongoing every day. To maintain water quality and cleanliness, **a spa filter should run a minimum of four hours a day, even when it is not being used.**

Also note that spas which are larger or experience higher use should filter the water for a longer time period.

An efficient filter is essential to keep your spa in tiptop condition, and so it is very important to maintain your filter.

Clean the filter cartridges properly and regularly with chemical cleaners rather than just hosing them off.

Let the filters cartridges dry before returning them to the spa.

By going through these five steps every time you clean your spa, you can ensure continued enjoyment and relaxation for many years to come.



Before

Now is the time to Renovate

Is your swimming Pool looking tired & outdated? Then it's time to talk to Donemans Pool Centre. Our Design Ability & Talent to Visualise the Finished Product, has helped us exceed the expectations of many Happy Customers.

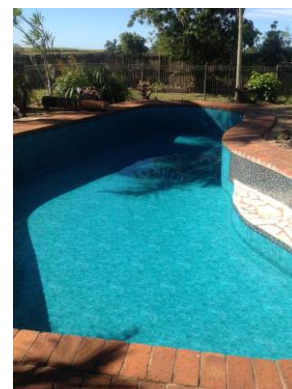
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***Pebble Finishes**

***Coping Pavers**

***New Filtration Systems**

Call for an obligation FREE Quotation, you'll be surprised how Inexpensive it can be.



After

Filter Maintenance

It is recommended the sand in your sand filter be replaced every 5 years to ensure your filter continues to operate efficiently. When filter efficiency is allowed to diminish the pool becomes harder to look after and more expensive to run.

Let our experienced Pool Technicians do the job for you. Contact us today for a quote.