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## Importance of a Balanced Pool



### POOL WATER LEVEL

Ideally you should keep your swimming pool water level a least half way up the opening of the pool skimmer. This is the level at which the swimming pool skimmers operate most efficiently.

If the level is higher than halfway up, the water moving into the skimmer is going so slow that debris may pass by the opening without being pulled in. If the pool water is so high that it covers the skimmer opening, floating debris can't get in.

If the water is too low the skimmer can bottom out, thereby sucking air into the system which can result in losing prime (water moving through the system) & possibly result in burning out the pool pump.

It is always better to have too much water in the pool than not enough.

Remember that backwashing and vacuuming the pool to waste also lower the water level and adding water to the pool before performing these tasks can help.



One of the most important steps of swimming pool maintenance is water balance. Generally, understanding water balance can also be one of the most confusing processes of pool maintenance. Because of its complexity, some new pool owners may not know everything they have to do to keep their pool water safe, comfortable and corrosion free.

**Below are a few of the reasons why having a balanced swimming pool is so important:**

#### Safety

If you have either a salt based pool producing chlorine or a chlorine based pool using stabilized tablets, then your PH needs to be correct. If pool water is not balanced correctly then the chlorine sanitiser won't be working at full strength killing germs and bacteria.

#### Comfort

The feel of the water on your eyes and skin is directly affected by the water balance being correctly adjusted. People's skin & eyes need the PH to be neutral in order to feel comfortable. This is one of the main components of water balance but there are a few more things that need to be considered.

#### Corrosion

If your pool water is not balanced correctly than it could be corrosive to the liner, ladders & handrails, and other equipment such as the pump.

#### What is entailed in Water Balance?

Keeping your PH, Alkalinity, Calcium Hardness, Stabiliser levels & Salt / Total Dissolved Solids within the proper range is not only important for swimmer comfort, it's also important for keeping your equipment and pool in good condition.



**Vacuuming** your swimming pool is essential to proper swimming pool maintenance. Most pool owners opt for an **Automatic Pool Cleaner**, but some also choose to perform this task manually with basic cleaning equipment. There may be no tool more important than the vacuum you use to clean your pool. Service your pool regularly with a high-quality vacuum, and you'll reap the benefits of a spotless and well-maintained pool all year round.



### *Swimming Pool Fitness*

Water is one of the best fitness tools. It provides resistance, which strengthens muscles and boosts cardio intensity. It also supports some of your weight, making workouts easier on joints and reducing injury.

Swimming pool exercise has a place in therapeutic treatment. Water exercise is safe for people with injuries and disabilities, as well as the elderly, and women who are pregnant. It presents a very low risk of injury and may be possible in many cases when land-based exercise is not possible or is too uncomfortable.

Not only is it easier to stay cool in a pool, the workout itself has massive perks. Like any regular exercise, pool workouts are great stress relievers.

By utilizing your pool as a great place to work out, you will be splashing your way to fitness in no time!



## *Finding the Right Professional*

### **Why should you use a professional to maintain your pool?**

If pool maintenance doesn't fit into your busy schedule, there are pool professionals who can keep your pool sparkling clean and ready for you to enjoy.

There are many reasons why you should hire a pool professional to maintain your pool. It is very important to preserve the chemical integrity of your pool water. Chemically treating your pool consistently and effectively can be very frustrating to pool owners. Proper chemical treatment will effectively treat your water and ensure the health and well-being of your family. In fact, this is the major reason why people choose to have a professional take care of their pool – the proper amount and levels of chemicals can require a lot more knowledge than most average homeowners possess. On average most pool professionals visit over sixty swimming pools each week and each is individually different.

The next important reason to hire a pool professional is to maintain your pool equipment. Most pool owners are not mechanically inclined and are somewhat intimidated by their pool equipment. In addition, there are a lot of moving parts and any small mechanical issue can dramatically affect your pool's operation and filtration process. A pool professional will not only keep your pool running smooth, but they will also use preventative maintenance techniques to save you time and money as your pool starts to age.

The last and perhaps most important reason to hire a professional is so you can enjoy your pool! A professional has ready access to pool supplies, saving you time from running around purchasing pool chemicals. Knowing you have a competent technician taking care of your pool can give you peace of mind and help you save time and money.

### **Sparkling Water Doesn't Happen By Itself Leave it to the Professionals?**

If your schedule is crazy-busy, or you're simply not the do-it-yourself type, call on Donemans Pool Centre who are ready to make pool ownership hassle free.

#### **We can provide services like:**

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| Equipment Installation and Upgrades | Pool Liner Replacements         |
| Water Testing and Treatment         | Green Pool Clean-Ups            |



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