



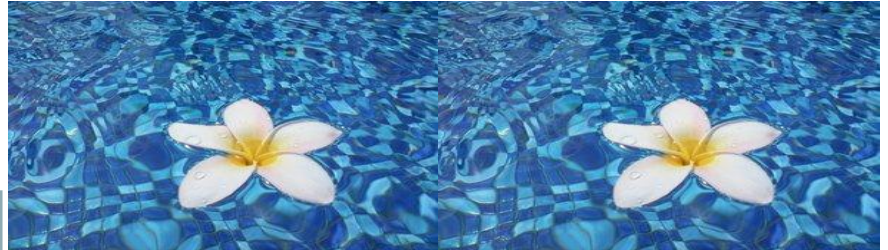
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Why is Chlorine Important?

Chlorine is used as the **main sanitizing agent** in swimming pools. Bacteria can grow in pool water either from a **poor chlorine residual or poor circulation**.

Bacteria then feed on any organic pollutants in the water. As they eat the organic pollutants **phosphates are left behind** as a waste by-product. Algae then use the phosphates as a great food source to thrive in the pool. **Correct chlorine levels** can limit bacteria and algae taking hold of your pool.

When chlorine is relating to organic waste in the pool it gives off gases that create a strong chlorine smell. When a pool is **properly chlorinated**, there is no perception of the presence. However, if chlorine is too high or too low **eye, ear and nose irritations can occur**.

A **salt chlorinator** makes chlorine very slowly and algae can grow very quickly so keep some **good quality chlorine on hand** at home for use after heavy rain or after a pool party. Adding **extra chlorine** to help your salt chlorinator can **break the algae cycle** before it has a chance to start.

Chlorine is the **best defence** against the bacteria and algae growth cycle occurring in your pool. Keep the ideal level at 2-3ppm and you will have a very effective **bactericide and sanitizing agent** constantly working for you.



The Heat is On

The heat is on. If cooling off is at the top of your to-do list, then here are **a few tips** that will help you get the most out of your pool with a minimum of cost and effort. The type and frequency of maintenance depends on a number of factors including the time of year, weather conditions & how often the pool is used.

As **prevention is the best cure**, regularly inspect your pool equipment for any signs of maintenance needs. Cleaning & Maintenance is **crucial to keeping the water safe** for you and your family. From collecting leaves and debris to keeping chlorine levels stable, there is a huge range of tricks, tools and products that will keep your pool in tip top shape. These include:

- * **Check & clean** the skimmer & pump baskets weekly. This should be done more often if the pool is used frequently or when leaves and other debris make their way into the water.
- * **Backwash sand or clean cartridges**. Again, the frequency of filter maintenance depends on how often the pool is used.
- * **Frequently check the sanitiser levels** and add more to maintain minimum levels. Check the operation of salt chlorinators. **The more people that use the pool, the more sanitiser that is required to kill algae and bacteria.**
- * **Check the Ph level** every two or three days. Daily additions of sanitiser and high swimmer use will affect the PH level, which needs to be between 7.2- 7.6. **Add acid if the level is too high.**
- * **Check the Total Alkalinity** weekly and adjust the level with buffer if the level is **below 80-120** parts per million.
- * **Check & Adjust the timer** to allow the filtration system to operate for **8 hours per day during the summer** season. This ideally should be done twice a day for 4 hours at a time.

Shock'n'Clear

Clear performance for your pool. **ONLY YOUR POOL GETS A SHOCK.....**

- * Boosts chlorine levels
- * Restores water sparkle
- * Salt Compatible

Clear & Sparkling Clarifier Additive

Pool Water Analysis

Using **computerised water testing** equipment, Donemans can give you a fast, accurate diagnosis about the health of your pool water and prescribe exactly what you need to keep it in great condition. Too many chemicals – or too little chemicals – can seriously damage, or shorten the lifespan of your pool and its equipment

Donemans use **the latest Palintest photometer equipment**, regularly calibrated, combined with computer software, designed specifically for Australian conditions, to ensure that all water samples are tested accurately. We provide each customer with a **written computer report** that clearly shows the type and amount of chemical/s your pool or Spa needs to keep safe, clean and crystal clear.

A professional member of the team will explain to you what each chemical does and ‘walk you through’ the dosing process.

For **free water testing** and **expert pool and spa maintenance advice**, simply bring in a sample of your pool or spa water. We’ll even give you a **free** water sample bottle!



Summer Pool Routine

We at Donemans specialise in making your pool a simple and hassle free pleasure... It doesn't matter whether you are a home owner or renting your property, by following our easy Pool Maintenance Program your pool will be the envy of the neighbourhood.

Filtration Equipment

It is important to ensure the **filtration equipment is in top working order**, this is the most important part of the pool's ability to look its best.

Filter Maintenance

Chemically treating the filter media will ensure the best possible life out of the sand, glass or cartridge. A Filter Cleaner and Degreaser is a great way to ensure your filter remains efficient. **Does your sand/glass need changing or your filter element replacing? Contact us to find out.**

Circulation (Run Time)

The pump and filter should run for a minimum of 8 hours per day in summer and 6 hours in winter. This ensures the pool water is sufficiently turned over and assists in combating algae growth.

Ask us how to reduce your electricity running costs!

Proper Water Balance

Balanced pool water is essential for chemical efficiency, bather comfort and protection of the surface along with the equipment. Bring your water into us and follow our instructions for any necessary water balance adjustments. **Or, alternatively, have our Mobile Service Technicians maintain your pool for you!**



Maintaining Chlorine

Check and fill the tablet feeder weekly or as needed. If the pool is a chlorine pool a daily dose of chlorine is required. If operating a salt chlorination system ensure the setting is adjusted as necessary to the mode for each season, to **ensure enough chlorine is being produced.**

Preventing Algae

Adding an **algaecide every three months** will ensure your pool stays algae free. Doing this will also reduce the amount of chlorine needed to maintain the required chlorine level.

Tips and Tricks

TIP: Ensure your pool is fenced, Learn CPR for pool safety, and remove furniture and other potential climbing items from the pool area. Always supervise children at all times near water.