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# NewsSplash

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## Pool Chemical Safety

Safe Handling and Storage of Chemicals



### Acquatherepe Transform

Transform your traditional or salt water pool into a luxurious mineral bath and enjoy crystal clear, sparkling, silky smooth pool water. Specially blended minerals are designed to soften your pool or spa water, for a swimming or bathing experience like no other. Swimmers can absorb up to 500ml of water in an hour of pool use & the unique blend of Acqua Therepe can provide health benefits for the skin, hair, eyes and nervous system.

Suitable for most salt chlorinators, Acqua Therepe Transform is easily dissolved into the pool water & its ingredients help prevent staining & assist in preventing calcium & scale build up in the salt chlorinator cell, heaters, pool interior and other equipment.

Swimming is well known as one of the best forms of exercise for the cardio vascular system, now enjoy the benefits of a mineral bath to your pool and enhance your pool or spa experience.



Chemicals are potentially dangerous and may present some hazards if not used properly. Carefully follow the manufacturer's instructions for the use and storage of chemicals.

In general, here are some tips for chemical use and storage:

#### Usage

- » **Read the labels** and directions carefully. Follow label use instructions.
- » Hands **must be clean and dry**. Always wash hands before and after handling chemicals.
- » **Never use metallic utensils** – use plastic, glass, china or enamelware utensils and buckets only and be sure they are clean & dry.
- » Add **chemicals to water**. **Never add water to chemicals**.
- » **Always add the chemicals directly to the pool water**, either in a suitable feeder, distributed across the surface of the pool, or diluted and poured into the water. **Follow label use instructions**.
- » Never add chemicals to the pool water **while swimmers are using the pool**.
- » Keep all chemicals **out of the reach of children**.
- » Never **mix chemicals together**. Use a clean scoop for each chemical, and never combine material from "old" and "new" containers.
- » Never **reuse old chemical containers**.
- » Carefully **clean up any spilled chemicals** with large amounts of water to dilute and wash away the chemicals.
- » **Chemicals for test kits** should be **replaced each season**
- » **Wash your hand thoroughly** after using any chemicals.

#### Did You Know

**On a sunny day up to 95% of the chlorine in the pool can be lost into the atmosphere in as little as three-and-a-half hours!**

# 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 filter 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.



## *Aquaspa Range*

Lo-Chlor chemicals have developed the Aquaspa range, an innovative range that treats spas effectively.

The Sanitiser is gentle on the skin, hair and clothing and also your spa and equipment.

Free of chlorine and bromine, it doesn't smell nor sting the eyes, and best of all, you won't breathe in chemical fumes as you may with other sanitisers.

Weekly doses make it easy to administer.



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