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10 Common Mistakes of Pool Maintenance

Product of the Month

Easy Clear

For the Control of Bacteria and algae in swimming pools.



- Controls Bacteria
- Kills Algae
- Clarifies Pool Water
- Reduces Loss of Chlorine to Sunlight
- Lowers PH

Easy Clear is used to remove swimmer wastes and destroy any organic contaminants in the water. Regular oxidation will keep the pool crystal clear.

It is designed for fresh & salt water pools and is a blend of Stabilised Chlorine, Copper Sulphate & selected clarifiers. It is best applied to the pool through the skimmer box.

1. **Not cleaning the skimmer basket and/or pump basket** regularly. Letting these become full of debris results in poor circulation which potentially leads to bigger problems with related equipment.
2. **Forgetting to brush pool walls.** Cleaning surface dirt off pool walls and floor helps prevent algae build up so try and do this every few weeks.
3. **Ignoring pool chemistry.** Check this twice a week in summer and once a week in winter and you'll be able to fine tune the balance along the way. Leave it for too long and you'll need big doses of chemicals to fix the problem and time out of the pool while everything corrects and settles.
4. **Failing to clean the cell in salt water systems.** Corroded or calcified cells don't produce as much chlorine so keep them clear with a salt water conditioner.
5. **Adding chemicals in the heat of the day.** Get more out of your chlorine by adding it to the pool at night when the sun can't cause any of it to dissipate.
6. **Backwashing your pool filter too often.** Not only does this waste water but it doesn't allow the filter to do its job as most work best when the pressure gauge rises 8 -10PSI above clean.
7. **Not switching pumps on or not letting them run long enough.** Circulation is paramount to effective pool maintenance.
8. **Forgetting to check total dissolved solids (TDS) or calcium hardness.** Let this go and your whole water balance will go out of whack. It is recommended you check TDS every 6 months and calcium hardness every month.
9. **Letting water levels drop.** Low water levels can result in the pool pump drawing air instead of water, which can cause it to break and allow algae to bloom. Monitor water levels regularly and adjust so that it's in the middle of the skimmer.
10. **Not shocking the pool after a party or heavy usage (and even after rain).** Lots of swimmers in the pool at once can use up the free chlorine residual in the water. To avoid an algae bloom, shock the pool with a big dose of chlorine then run the filtration system for several hours.



What You Need To Know About Pool Alkalinity and pH

Keeping your pool water correctly balanced can be complicated. Pool water is affected by a number of factors outside of your control such as bad weather, dirt and debris.

When maintaining water balance, it is important to understand that pH and alkalinity levels are closely linked. Maintaining your alkalinity levels makes it much easier to keep the pH levels within normal range; when these two are balanced, the pool water is much more likely to be clean and healthy. Alkalinity levels need to be between 80 to 120 ppm, while pH levels should range between 7.2 to 7.6.

What happens when you have?

- Low pH

Pool water can become corrosive when the pH levels drop too low. Your pool equipment and pipes can be damaged by this imbalance, including your pool surfaces. Swimmers can experience itchy or burning eyes.

- High pH

If pH levels are too high, chlorine can be rendered ineffective against algae and bacteria. Scale can form on pool surfaces and equipment, and the water can become cloudy and cause itchy skin for swimmers.

- Low alkalinity

Water with low levels of alkalinity can turn an abnormal shade of green, and burn swimmers' eyes. Your pool finishes can also become stained, and corrosion can occur on metal fixtures on pool equipment.

- High alkalinity

When the alkalinity levels are too high, the water can turn cloudy and chlorine will lose its effectiveness. The pool is likely to need constant top-ups with acid.

Head to ***Donemans Pool Centre*** with a water sample and our friendly staff will test it and confirm any imbalances. We can then help you select a treatment option that will rebalance your pool chemistry making your pool safe to swim in.

“What’s New” at Donemans??

Donemans Pool Centre is proud to announce we are now a ***“Supreme Dealer”*** for Maytronics Cleaners for the South East Queensland Region. Our Directors, ***Kevin & Robyn Doneman*** have just recently returned from the ***Annual 2014 Maytronics Conference***, held on the Gold Coast, where Maytronics Celebrated their 30th Year in Operation.

Our Service Manager, ***Chris Brinkworth*** has also currently participated in Warranty Servicing Repair Training at Maytronics, which has enabled ***Donemans Pool Centre*** to become a ***Platinum Service Agent*** for All Maytronic Cleaners.

The Annual “Splash” 2014 Trade Show & Focus Products 2014 Inspire Conference were also held again in July. Our General Manager, Chris Brinkworth attended these shows to gain knowledge of the upcoming “New Products” and next generation gadgets soon to be released onto the market.



Meet Our Staff

Chris Foley – Service Technician



Chris is reliable and valuable member of our Service Team, who alongside our other 3 Service Technicians provide our extensive customer base with outstanding Pool Servicing & Repairs.

Chris also has past experience in the pool industry having worked for Abgal and different pool construction companies.

\$\$\$ Congratulations \$\$\$

Congratulations to ***“Graeme Mummery”*** who was the lucky winner of our \$25 In-store Voucher for July. Thank you to all our valued customers that entered & we look forward to seeing you all in-store soon to try your luck in the August draw.