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Spring clean your pool the easy way

Product of the Month

PH Down Tablets



water balance

pH down tablets

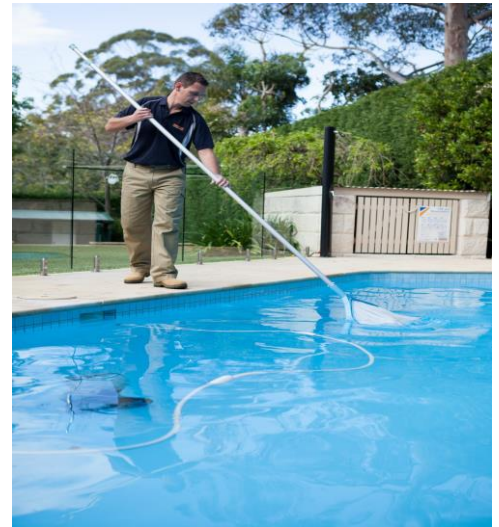
Decreases pH and total alkalinity.

- ✓ easy to handle
- ✓ add directly to skimmer basket
- ✓ no fumes
- ✓ essential for swimmer comfort
- ✓ suitable with MagnaPool™

Benefits:

- * Safe to store and handle
- * No Fumes
- * Essential for swimmer comfort
- * Easy Skimmer Application
- * Pre-measured dosages
- * Can be used for spot stain removal

People live increasingly busy lives, which means cleaning the pool is often well down the list of "to do" jobs and sometimes slips off the radar altogether. A pool owner's thoughts of splashing in crystalline water as the sun shines down feels surreal as they recall all the scrubbing, cleaning and maintenance that



precedes the splashing, diving and relaxing.

Fortunately, *there's a way to avoid the spring (pool) cleaning blues* – and it's called *Donemans Mobile Pool Servicing*. These services are varied and can be tailored to suit your maintenance requirements.

Pool Cleaning Service & Health Check

If no-one's been in the water since last season, then it may not be healthy – and that's not something you want the kids to start splashing around in. This service involves *a cursory check of pool or spa filtration equipment as well as a full water health test* by a *qualified and experienced pool technician*. If water treatment is needed, then they can provide the right chemicals for you to get your oasis *swim ready*.

Of course *a clean pool is a healthy pool*, and it's a job that needs to be done regularly. The technician can perform essential maintenance services tailored to the needs of your pool.

Filter Sand Change

Filter sand needs to be *replaced every five years* to ensure it continues to perform at peak effectiveness. Donemans technicians can replace the sand as needed or *upgrade to Glass*.

Filter Clean Service

Cartridge Filters also need to be *cleaned and degreased* to keep them in good condition and *ensure healthy water*. We offer a full filter clean service In-store.



Thank you

The team at Donemans Pool Centre would like to thank all of our valued clients that attended our recent annual Open Day Sale. Congratulations to the lucky winners of our various competitions that we ran on the day!

Attacking scale and stains

Simple solutions for annoying problems

Keeping your pool in pristine condition requires precise balancing of various elements. When not properly maintained, *scale and stains can develop and become a problem*. However, never fear – **Donemans Pool Centre** have some handy hints on how to rid your pool of this pesky nuisance.

What is scale?

Scale appears as white, calcified deposits. *It is created by excessive calcium & unbalanced water chemistry* – typically either high PH, alkalinity, hardness, or a combination of any three. High PH and/or the total alkalinity cause an increase in the amount of carbonate ions. This combination creates calcium carbonate, which is more commonly known as scale.

Scale is obviously unattractive on pool walls and floor, but it can become a real problem if it builds up in the plumbing, restricting the water circulation and filtration, or if it builds up on equipment, causing equipment failure and the premature need to replace equipment. If scale occurs, you must test & adjust the water chemistry. *Then a metal sequestering agent designed for calcium should be added to the water to remove scale.* This binds to the metal and prevents it from depositing as scale and stains.

What is a stain?

Typically stains result from *unwanted water contaminants such as metals (i.e. iron, copper and manganese)*, which find their way into pool water via water used to top up, salt added to the pool, liquid chlorine, algaecides containing metals, leaves from algae, oxidation and scale.

Stain and scale

Metal stains most commonly appear shortly after the PH is raised or when you add chlorine. *Fibreglass pools are particularly prone to metal stains.* Organic stains can sometime look similar to metal stains, but are usually left by algae or leaves that sit in the pool for a while, leaving behind when cleaned up.

Metals can colour the water with a variety of colours, typically green, blue or yellow. When this happens the water will still be very clear and transparent. If the water is cloudy or murky it is very unlikely to have anything to do with metals in the water. *If the colouring is from metals, lowering the PH slightly and adding a metal sequestering agent should remove the colour.*

Donemans Pool Centre has a range of products that can be used to prevent and remove stains and scale.

Nail the Scale, Multi Stain Remover & Metal Solution are all available in store now.



General Maintenance Tips

Cleaning the skimmer & Pump Baskets



Cleaning the skimmer & Pump Baskets regularly is important to the overall maintenance of your swimming pool. Clogged baskets mean your pump has to work harder to try to cycle the water. This can decrease the life and stress the seals in your pump.

With water flow impeded by baskets full of debris, you are not getting the proper turnover rate to properly filter your water. For your pool to stay clean & clear the water must be filtered. With your skimmer and pump baskets full of debris, you are not pulling as much water to the pump, and not filtering as much water as if the baskets were kept clean. This can have a negative effect on your **pool maintenance**.

Clean the skimmer & pump baskets at least once a week to ensure your pool remains in pristine condition.

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!