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Let there be Light

Product of the Month

Aquashield 3 when regularly added to your pool will limit the **THREE** main problem areas where the formation of calcium and magnesium based scale plus metal staining occurs. These are specifically:

1. **Salt Cell** where calcium build up on the cell will decrease the production of chlorine gas
2. **Pool Surfaces & Equipment** where combined water hardness forms in time a hard scale which is unsightly on pool surfaces and can damage the operation of pool equipment.
3. **Surface Staining** where oxidation of minerals in the water source or introduced in the salt added to the pool, can cause staining.

The benefits of **Aquashield 3** are:

Prevention of calcium & magnesium build up on pool surface.

Prevention of metals dropping out of solution.

Assists with keeping calcium build up on the salt cell soft to ensure chlorine production is not inhibited.

Assists in the removal of metal stains.



As winter approaches and the hours of daylight become shorter, we look to solutions that allow us to *continue with*

outdoor activities like

swimming. Having

adequate lighting in your pool area not only makes swimming an ongoing option through the cooler months, *but also makes it more appealing.* Not only that, it can provide an easy but *stunning design feature for your home.*



Here's our rundown of the latest lighting innovations so that you can get the most out of your pool this autumn and winter.

LED overtaking halogen

Although LED lights can be more expensive than halogen, they have a number of advantages over halogens that are fast making them the most popular option on the market.

LED lights operate on 15% of the energy of a Halogen light.

They also don't create the amount of heat a halogen light creates and emit light in a specific direction. Today the availability of high quality brighter LED lights is much more widespread, and the price has come down to make them *more affordable.*

For a quick & easy makeover of your pool, Donemans Pool Centre has replacement lights to suit any installation type & budget. Upgrade your old Halogen Light to an LED Pool Light today and enjoy around 100,000 hours of Lighting. We pride ourselves on providing the highest quality pool lighting products on the market.



CPR Signs

Pool Safety Laws require a CPR sign to be displayed near each pool, so that the sign is easily visible. The signs should be the latest prescribed signs to comply with council guidelines.

Colourbond & Plastic CPR Signs are in stock NOW!

PREPARING YOUR POOL FOR THE COOLER MONTHS

Top tips for winter care

As the temperatures are falling in many parts of the country, now is a good time to get your swimming pool and spa into shape for the cooler months. It's easy to disregard pool care when the weather cools down, but it won't thank you if you let things slide too far. Neglected pools can quickly lose their sparkle and hygiene.

Regardless of the season, with the unpredictable weather we have been experiencing, there's every chance you may be able to take a dip during autumn or winter, so it's best to keep your pool in pristine condition.

What happens if you don't look after your pool?

Neglected pools can get a build-up of algae and debris. Not only that, windy and stormy weather can blow leaves and dirt into the pool which, if left to settle, can become difficult to remove.

How to prepare your pool for winter

There are a number of steps to take in order to ensure your pool is properly winterised. These include:

Balance the water: The pool's *pH level needs to be between 7.2 and 7.6*. Bringing a sample of pool water into Donemans will tell you exactly what the pH is. If the level is not correct, add the appropriate treatment to bring the pool to the correct level.

Clean the pool: It's important to brush the walls and floor of the pool and then to *vacuum the whole pool thoroughly*. Algae thrives in unclean water, so don't forget to clean the skimmer & pump baskets and clear them of debris.

Clean the filter: Ensure that the pool's *filter is sparklingly clean*, as any grease or oil deposits will harden over winter and make the filter harder to clean in the warmer months, not to mention reducing its overall efficiency

Use a shock treatment: It's recommended to use a *regular shock treatment* to keep the water pristine & safe to swim

Protect against algae: Use an *algaecide* that's appropriate for your pool.

Check chlorine levels: To keep your pool clean and clear, it's important to keep your pool's *free available chlorine levels at a constant level of 2-3 PPM (parts per million) at all times* during winter. If you're using a salt chlorinator and a *pool blanket, remember to reduce the output of the chlorinator to 1-1.5 PPM, as pool blankets trap chemicals and chlorine and can cause high chlorine levels to occur, resulting in damage to pool equipment if not monitored carefully*.

Maintain the pH and Total Alkalinity levels: Total Alkalinity (the measure of the ability of your pool or spa water to resist changes in the pH) is the overseer that keeps the pH of your water where it needs to be. *If your buffering capabilities are too low (low alkalinity), your pH levels can swing drastically from highs to lows*

Run the filter: The pool's filter should operate for six hours each day. If you're using a timer, adjust it to suit.

Cover the pool: *This will prevent water loss and also stop debris from entering the pool*. Ensure you have a good quality pool blanket or cover

Keep up your maintenance schedule: Once you've completed your preparation for winter, it's imperative that you stick to a *maintenance schedule*, even though it's cold and the pool is not being used. Once a week it's important to do a *quick visual inspection of your pool* and make sure all of your equipment is working properly. Also *check the water level, empty the skimmer basket and check your chlorine and pH levels*. If in doubt or if you need help, *Donemans Service Technicians are available to provide advice and service*. So don't pack away your swimmers yet - you may just need them!



A Leafy Problem

Do you live in a leafy suburb or bushy rural area?

It's a safe bet that keeping your pool clear of leaves and other plant matter is a daily battle for you. Thankfully there is a handy alternative to whipping out your pool net every other minute. Filter Socks stop Debris before it clogs your pump & filter. Excess accumulation of debris will reduce water flow and may cause damage to the pump & filter.

Available for all Skimmer Baskets.