

Tips

Safety tips for pool owners

- Check with your town or city to find out the rules for putting up a fence around your pool.
- Build a fence and a gate that will keep children away from your pool.
- Keep the gate locked at all times.
- Adults and children should never swim alone.
- Make sure toys, garden furniture and tools are not near the pool fence. Children can climb up on these things to get into the pool.
- Provide safety equipment close to the pool such as a telephone, ring buoys, reaching pole and first aid kit.
- Please remember that a pool cover does not provide protection from drowning.
- Pool covers should always be completely removed prior to pool use.
- Take a course on pool safety, first aid and lifesaving skills (such as CPR).
- No glass, metal or breakable objects should be allowed in the pool area. Not only are such materials safety hazards they could also tear your pool liner.
- Wear sunscreen and reduce sun exposure.
- Maintain proper levels of the disinfectant and maintain your filter.
- Store and handle chemicals in a safe manner.
- In case of emergency dial 9-1-1.

Safety tips for parents

- ALWAYS have an adult watching children in and around the pool.
- Never leave children alone near the pool. Assign a designated watcher to supervise children at all times.
- In the pool, keep your back to the wall to maintain a clear view of all children.
- Keep toys away from pool to prevent falls into the pool.
- Keep toys away from the pool when it is not in use. Toys can attract young children into the pool.
- Send children to swimming and water safety lessons.
- Learn Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

Commonly Asked Questions

Your swimming pool is an investment that can bring much enjoyment. It is essential that it be properly maintained to keep the investment a pleasurable one.

Halton Pool Guys would like you to have the following information:

What does water balance mean?

Water Balance means keeping ALL chemicals in the right amounts.

Why is it necessary to balance the water in our swimming pool?

- Protect Swimmers from Irritating or Unsafe Water
- Protect Equipment from Corrosion or Scaling

What is Chlorine?

Chlorine is a water-soluble, gas that is used for water purification.

Chlorine needs to be present in the pool at all times. It reacts instantly with waste products to sanitize and protect your pool water.

What are the basics for running my pool?

1. Run your pool filter no fewer than 8 to 10 hours per day for optimum performance.
2. Keep your skimmer basket clear of debris; it may be necessary to empty it daily depending on the season or locale of the pool.
3. Keep your pool chlorinated. There are several ways in which you can do this, including the following:
 - a. Slow dissolving chlorine tablets. These need to be put in the skimmer, typically on a weekly basis.
 - b. An automatic chlorinator. Keep the dial at an appropriate setting to ensure good daily chlorine readings. Keep the unit full.
 - c. Chlorine floater. Slow dissolving chlorine tabs are set in the floater, which is kept in the pool all the time, and usually refilled weekly.
 - d. Granular chlorine or quick chlorine tabs. These can be manually added to the skimmer on a daily basis.
 - e. Assess the water weekly for Chlorine, pH and Alkalinity, making adjustments when necessary.
 - f. When necessary, backwash the pool filters.

4. Regular vacuuming is required in order to keep your pool clean.
5. Shock the pool once per week or after having a large number of guests in the pool.
6. Algaecide should be added to the pool on an as-needed basis.
7. The water needs to be about half way up the skimmer, so check the water level and adjust as required.
8. Add chemicals in small quantities to avoid big disasters. You can always re-test the water in a few hours and add a bit more chemical if necessary.
9. **Never** mix different types of chlorine or other chemicals together. The results could be extremely dangerous.