Spring Opening for SoftSwim Pools

Remove the winter cover from the pool.

Reassemble any equipment that was stored for the winter. Remove any plugs from the return inlets and replace with the return fittings. Replace the skimmer and pump baskets if they were removed.

Brush and vacuum any debris from the pool.

Let the pool circulate for a minimum of 24 hrs.

- Perform a complete water analysis and balance total alkalinity, pH and total hardness according to ALEX recommendations.
- Add 1 qt. of SoftSwim Stain Control per 10,000 gallons.
- Add 1 qt. of SoftSwim A per 25,000 gallons. Circulate 2 hours.
- Add 1 gallon of SoftSwim C per 10,000 gallons oxidize undesirable compounds and to help clarify the water. Run the pump overnight.
- The next morning, add 1/2 gallon of SoftSwim B per 10,000 gallons or enough to obtain a 50 ppm SoftSwim B residual.
- Filter continuously for 24-48 hours. Retest the SoftSwim B, SoftSwim C and pH levels and adjust if necessary. SoftSwim B should be 30 50 ppm, SoftSwim C should be 20 ppm or higher, and the pH should be 7.4 7.8. Do not swim unless the SoftSwim C level is below 90 ppm

SoftSwim Regular Maintenance Schedule

Weekly:

Test your SoftSwim B residual and the pH. Adjust as needed to maintain a SoftSwim B level of 30 - 50 ppm and a pH of 7.4 - 7.8.

Every other week:

Add 2 oz. of SoftSwim A per 5,000 gallons directly to the pool with the pump running.

Once a month:

Add 1 gallon of SoftSwim C per 10,000 gallons directly to the pool with the pump running. Maintain at least 20 ppm SoftSwim C at all times. More frequent applications may be needed with warmer water temperatures, heavy bather loads or heavy rain.

Add half a quart of SoftSwim Stain Control directly to the pool with the pump running. This helps prevent possible staining or discoloration and depletion of SoftSwim C from trace minerals

or other compounds that might not show up in testing.

Perform complete water analysis and balance according to ALEX recommendations.

Every six weeks:

Clean the filter with SoftSwim Filter Cleaner according to label instructions for your filter type and size.

As needed:

Brush and vacuum the pool and empty the skimmer and pump baskets.

Backwash the filter.

Winter Shut-Down for SoftSwim Pools

- If any problems exist, such as cloudy water or algae growth, clear these up before performing a winter water analysis and beginning the closing procedures.
- When the pool is clear, perform a winter analysis in ALEX. Balancing parameters are slightly different for winter temperatures than for in-season. Balance according to the ALEX recommendations for winter shut-down.

Brush and vacuum the pool.

Backwash and clean the filter with SoftSwim Filter Cleaner.

Add 1 qt. of SoftSwim A per 25,000 gallons.

If the SoftSwim C residual is 0 - 19 ppm, add 2 gallons of SoftSwim C per 10,000 gallons to winterize. If the residual is 20 - 60 ppm, add 1 gallon of SoftSwim C per 10,000 gallons. Wait 3 hours.

Add SoftSwim B to top up to 50 ppm.

Run the filter continuously for 24-48 hours.

Winterize the equipment according to manufacturer's directions.

Follow recommended water draining and covering procedures appropriate to weather conditions in your area.

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