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Inground & Aboveground Pool Chemical Start-Up and Maintenance

- Fill pool to proper level and replace all items removed from the pool area during the previous closing.
- Once lines have been primed turn pump on and begin filtration. For tips on priming your pump consult Prestige Pools & Spas *How to Prime Your Pump* handout
- If water is clear/manageable, continue to next step. If water is dark green/brown/black, shock the pool with at least 5x the normal dosage based on gallonage, along with a dosage of algicide. Remove any visible large debris via your skim head or by vacuuming to waste.
- Begin to balance your water chemistry after at least 24 hours of continuous filtration. This allows for greater accuracy for water testing. For tips on water chemistry balancing, consult Prestige Pools & Spas *Understanding Your Chemicals*.
- While your pool is filtering and balancing, a thorough vacuuming and brushing may be required to eliminate silt that has settled during the off season.
- Once pH and Alkalinity levels have been balanced:
 - Protect your inground pool surfaces with metal removers such as Stain & Scale and Stain-X.
 - For salt pools, add the necessary dosage of salt after 48 hours of filtration has occurred for greater testing accuracy.
 - For aboveground pools, begin normal sanitization process.

Weekly Maintenance Tips for Inground & Aboveground Pool

- Test Water *AT LEAST* twice per week and adjust Alkalinity, pH and sanitizer levels as needed.
- Shock/Boost/Superchlorinate as necessary, after heavy bather loads, or heavy rains. During times of extreme heat, this process may need to be done every 3-4 days.
- Have your pool water analyzed by a pool chemistry expert once per month.

Water Chemistry Questions? Email water@prestigepoolsandspas.com



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