

Welcome to Robarb™ Pool Care

Caring for a swimming pool doesn't have to be a chore. With the easy-to-use, effective chemicals from Robarb Pool and this simple pool care guide, we'll help you spend more time *in* your pool and less time maintaining it!

To get started, you will need to know the size of your pool.

My Pool Is _____ Gallons

Rectangular (length x width x average depth) x 7.5
Round (length x width x average depth) x 5.9

As you care for your pool, it is important for the water to be in "balance." Keeping water balanced will prevent the water from becoming corrosive or forming scale deposits, both of which can damage pool equipment.

Your pool water should be maintained at the following levels:

pH: 7.2-7.8
Total Alkalinity: 80-120 ppm
Sanitizer: 1-4 ppm

When caring for your pool, keep these precautions in mind:

- Always read label directions prior to using and use only as directed.
- Never add chemicals to the water when people are in the pool.
- Never mix one chemical with another chemical prior to adding to the water.
- Store chemicals in a cool dry location out of direct sunlight.



Season Start-Up

Day 1:

1. Have a professional pool retailer test the water you will be using to fill your pool. Testing the water you are adding will allow you to identify what minerals and chemical factors may require attention later.
2. Check that your pool filter is clean. If it is not, use an **EZ® Filter Cleaner** solution as directed on the label. Soak filter overnight for best results.
3. Begin filling the pool. After the pool is filled with several inches of water, add **Metal Master®** stain control to prevent minerals in the water from staining or damaging pool surfaces.
4. As the pool completes filling, add **Super Blue®** clarifier to clear the water of small particles. Fill the pool to the middle of the skimmer or the proper level recommended by the manufacturer. Once filled, start the pump and filtration equipment. Run the pool filter overnight or 24 hours if possible. While the filter is running, it is a good time to vacuum and remove any debris from the pool.

Day 2:

1. Add **Ultra Quick Swim®** non-chlorine shock oxidizer to destroy any contaminants that have accumulated in the water.
2. Adjust the total alkalinity level to 80-120 parts per million (ppm) with **Alkalinity Up**. Once the total alkalinity is in the ideal range, test the pH level of the pool water with **Robarb™ 4-Way Test Strips**. Add **pH Up** or **pH Down** to adjust the pH level into the ideal range of 7.2-7.8.
3. Adjust the sanitizer level to 1-4 ppm.

Day 3:

1. Prevent rapid loss of chlorine due to sunlight by adding **Robarb™ Stabilizer**.
2. Prevent algae from developing by adding **Pool Specialties Robacide 30**, **Pool Specialties Robacide 60** or **Pool Specialties Super Algi-Gon®** algaecide.

START-UP

Easy Maintenance

Get Ready for the Weekend...

1. Test the pH, total alkalinity and sanitizer levels of the pool water with **Robarb™ 4-Way Test Strips**. If necessary, adjust levels with **pH Up** or **pH Down** or **Alkalinity Up**.
2. Add **Pool Specialties Robacide 30**, **Pool Specialties Robacide 60** or **Pool Specialties Super Algi-Gon** algaecide to prevent algae formation.
3. Add **Metal Master®** stain control to prevent stains and scale.
4. Add **Scum Digester®** enzyme treatment to prevent oily scum lines.
5. Add **Super Blue®** clarifier to add sparkle to water and remove particles that dull the water.

Party Clean Up...

1. Vacuum the pool and clean out the skimmer basket.
2. Wipe off the waterline and pool accessories with a soft towel. Occasionally, use **Clean-A-Way** to remove heavy buildup.
3. Add **Ultra Quick Swim®** shock oxidizer to rid water of contaminants.
4. Check filter operation. Refer to the filter manufacturer's direction regarding when to backwash or clean filter. Use **Back Wash** solution each time the sand filter is backwashed.

Take 5...During the Week

1. Test the pH, total alkalinity, and sanitizer levels of the pool water with **Robarb™ 4-Way Test Strips**. Be sure to maintain a chlorine-bromine level of 1-4 ppm. If necessary, adjust levels with **pH Up** or **pH Down** or **Alkalinity Up**.



MAINTENANCE

Pool Closing

Clean Up

1. Brush pool walls and floor. Vacuum any debris from pool bottom.
2. Clean the filter with an **EZ® Filter Cleaner** solution.
3. Lower the water if in area where it must be lowered due to freezing conditions. Drain all water from pipes, pumps, heaters, filters and other pool equipment to prevent damage due to freezing. If in a mild climate where the pool is left full and uncovered, confirm with the manufacturer's directions if the filtration system should continue to operate.

Treat the Water

1. Add **Ultra Quick Swim®** shock oxidizer shock to destroy organic contaminants.
2. Add **Pool Specialties Robacide 30**, **Pool Specialties Robacide 60** or **Pool Specialties Super Algi-Gon** algaecide to prevent algae growth.
3. Add **Metal Master®** stain control to protect pool from staining and scale formation.

If in a mild climate where the pool is left full and uncovered with the filtration system still operating regularly, add **Pool Specialties Robacide 30** and **Metal Master®** stain control. Maintain proper chlorine levels at all times.

POOL CLOSING

Pool Care Guide

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Pool Water Problem Solver

Possible Cause	Solution	Preventative Maintenance
Cloudy, Dull Water		
Dirty filter	Clean filter with an EZ® Filter Cleaner solution. Renew sand filter efficiency with Back Wash .	Backwash as necessary and clean filter thoroughly as needed.
pH too high	Add pH Down or adjust total alkalinity.	Test frequently and maintain pH of 7.2-7.8 and total alkalinity of 80-120 ppm.
Free chlorine residual too low	Test for chlorine residual and add chlorine as needed.	Maintain free chlorine level of 1-4 ppm.
Filter not removing small particles	Use Super Blue® clarifier to coagulate small particles. Check filter operation.	Use Super Blue® clarifier weekly.
Backwashing sand filters too often	Backwash less frequently, only as recommended by filter manufacturer's directions.	Use Back Wash once every month or two months, depending on number and frequency of pool occupancy.
Dissolved metals in water	Use Metal Master® stain control to control metals in water.	Use Metal Master® stain control weekly to prevent staining and scale formation.
Cloudy, Green Water		
Green algae	Use Pool Specialties Robacide 60 to destroy algae. Use Super Blue clarifier to help remove dead algae.	Use Pool Specialties Robacide 30 , Pool Specialties Robacide 60 or Pool Specialties Super Algi-Gon® algaecide weekly to prevent algae growth.
Reddish Brown Water		
Iron or manganese dissolved in water	Use Metal Master® stain control to suspend and inactivate stain causing minerals.	Use Metal Master® stain control on a weekly basis.
Clear, Green Water		
Dissolved copper from fill water – Corrosion of copper pipes or heater	Use Metal Master® stain control as directed. Test and adjust pH and total alkalinity.	Use Metal Master® stain control on a weekly basis.
Black and/or Dark Green Spots		
Black algae	Use Ultra Quick Swim shock oxidizer per directions. Add Pool Specialties Black Robacide as directed, then brush daily until gone. Use Super Blue clarifier to help remove dead algae.	Use Pool Specialties Robacide 60 weekly to prevent algae growth. Adjust returns to provide better flow over affected area.
Yellow Slime		
Mustard algae	Brush affected areas. Use Super Blue® clarifier to help remove dead algae. Clean filter with EZ® Filter Cleaner solution.	Use Pool Specialties Robacide 60 weekly to prevent algae growth.
Scum and Odors		
Grease and oil from swimmers	Use Scum Digester® enzyme treatment to dissolve oils and lotions. Clean walls and surfaces with Tile Buster® surface cleaner. Clean filter with EZ® Filter Cleaner solution or Back Wash .	Shower before entering pool. Maintain a clean filter with a periodic cleaning. Shock treat with Ultra Quick Swim® shock oxidizer after heavy pool use to destroy non-filterable contaminants. Use Scum Digester enzyme treatment weekly.
Chlorine Odor		
Combined chlorine level is too high	Shock treat with Ultra Quick Swim® shock oxidizer. Then test for free chlorine residual and adjust to maintain residual of 1-4 ppm.	Test chlorine level daily. Maintain pH of 7.2-7.8, total alkalinity of 80-120 ppm, and free chlorine level of 1-4 ppm.
Stains and Rust		
Metals in water	Use Stain-Tamer® stain remover. Follow treatment with Metal Master stain control to prevent staining.	Use Metal Master® stain control weekly to keep metals in solution and prevent staining.
Unbalanced water	Make necessary pH and total alkalinity adjustments.	Maintain pH of 7.2-7.8, total alkalinity of 80-120 ppm.
Calcium, Scale Deposits		
pH or alkalinity too high	Correct with pH Down as directed.	Use Metal Master® stain control weekly to prevent scale-forming calcium from precipitating out of solution.
Calcium content too high	Dilute pool water with water of lower hardness. Use Metal Master® stain control as directed.	Use Metal Master® stain control weekly to prevent scale-forming calcium from precipitating out of solution.
Skin and Eye Irritation		
Combined chlorine level is too high	Use Ultra Quick Swim® shock oxidizer. Then test for free chlorine residual and adjust to maintain residual of 1-4 ppm.	Maintain disinfectant level of 1-4 ppm at all times regardless of pool usage or weather conditions.
pH too low or too high	Test pH and correct with pH Up or pH Down .	Maintain pH of 7.2-7.8 and total alkalinity of 80-120 ppm.