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Tips For A Carefree Swimming Season

(NAPSA)—If you own one of the 8.6 million swimming pools in the U.S., it may be time to dive into the essentials of pool maintenance. Following a few simple steps can help ensure a more enjoyable swimming season:

- **Shake it up.** Pool water needs to be circulated. Constant water movements help prevent bacteria and algae from growing and ensure that the pool sanitizer cleans the whole pool.

Circulating pool water helps filters catch debris. Pools should circulate for at least eight hours a day.

- **Filter it.** Filters remove both visible debris and microscopic matter. Backwash your filter periodically and chemically clean it at least once every three months.

New, environmentally friendly EcoKlean from BioGuard is made of 100 percent biodegradable cellulose fiber. Used as a filtration media in DE filters or as a filter aid for sand or cartridge filters, it will improve your filtration efficiency while delivering a beautiful sparkle and luster to the water.

- **Clean it.** Brush and vacuum pool walls once a week to catch any debris the filter misses. Brushing is a must even if you use an automatic pool cleaner or hire a service.

For problem stains caused by metals dissolving in your water, you can use BioGuard's Erase Stain Identification Kit to identify the metal causing the stain and then remove it with a product specifically designed to treat that stain, either Erase Iron Stain



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Remover or Erase Copper Stain Remover.

- **Test it.** Test for the correct pH and sanitizer levels every week. Have a thorough water analysis performed by a trained dealer every four to six weeks.

- **Maintain it.** The last step in total pool maintenance is applying the right chemical product to keep pools clear and comfortable for swimmers.

Products can help balance pH, alkalinity and calcium hardness in the water. Other products maintain sanitizer levels and prevent algae, bacteria and oxidation. The right water treatment plan will both maintain pool equipment and keep the water inviting.

Pool care retailers offer products and systems that make caring for the pool a snap. Consult a pool professional for expert advice.

For more information on the effective use of pool and spa products, you can visit BioGuard at www.bioguard.com.