

POOLSIDE THIS SUMMER



Six Simple Steps To Maintain Your Pool

(NAPSA)—Pool owners often think pool care can be a complicated job. Luckily, experts offer these six simple steps for opening your pool this season.

1. Drain the water off the cover and away from the swimming pool. Clean cover and store in a clean, dry place away from sunlight.

2. Ensure the pump, filter and skimmer basket are in good working order. Clean the filter with a chemical cleaner specifically designed for swimming pool filters.

- For DE filters, make sure the filter grids are in good shape.

- For cartridge filters, make sure there are no holes in the filter media, especially in or on the pleats and at the top and bottom.

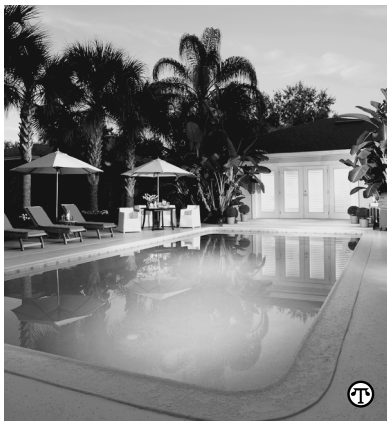
- For sand filters, replace your filter sand every three to five years. Make sure only to use the proper grade of material for swimming pool sand filters.

3. Fill the pool to the proper level. Circulate water for 24 to 48 hours.

4. Take a pint of water to your local BioGuard pool store for a computerized analysis and a personalized prescription for pool care.

5. Follow the maintenance program prescribed by your BioGuard authorized pool professional for the most brilliant, algae-free water possible.

6. Test and treat your water regularly.



Those in the swim will fill their pools to the proper level, then let the water circulate for 24 to 48 hours.

And don't forget to open your pools now. Pool openings should begin when overnight temperatures remain above freezing and day time temperatures remain above 60 degrees.

BioGuard dealers also offer pool care products and programs that make opening the pool in the spring and maintaining the pool throughout the season a snap. Consult your pool professional for expert advice all year round. For more information on the effective use of pool and spa products and to locate the BioGuard dealer nearest you, visit www.bioguard.com or check your local yellow pages.