

## Proper Sanitization Key To Swimming Pool Maintenance And Safety

(NAPSA)—Each summer, swimming pool owners nationwide face the task of maintaining their pools. While vacuuming, brushing and skimming are important to keep a pool looking nice, the most vital part of maintaining a pool is keeping it properly sanitized. Improper pool sanitization means bacteria growth, and bacteria can cause serious problems for swimmers.

Bacteria can be found everywhere in the environment including untreated pool water. Unless pool water contains a constant level of sanitizer, any swimmer can be exposed to germs. Water-borne bacteria can cause eye, nose, ear, and skin infections as well as a number of more serious and potentially harmful conditions.

A commonly used method of sanitizing swimming pools is chlorination. Powerful as chlorine can be, ensuring that sanitizer levels are high enough to control bacteria can be a difficult and exacting task—a job that requires a great deal of time and persistence. Because chlorine is not heat or light stable, as temperatures rise, chlorine in pools depletes. High temperatures and intense sunlight directly affect the frequency of chemical additions and amount of sanitizer a pool needs.

There is an alternative to chlorine that makes maintenance easier for pool owners. Chlorine-free sanitizers offer effective solutions to common chlorine-related problems. These sanitizers, made effective by the use of polyhexamethylene biguanide (PHMB), need adjustment only every 10-14 days. Unlike chlorine, PHMB sanitizers are stable and can assure a properly sanitized pool even during



the season's hottest and sunniest weather.

In addition to less maintenance and more stable protection from bacteria, other benefits of chlorine-free sanitizers include less eye and skin irritation; no discoloration of hair, especially if the hair is color-treated, no fading of swimwear or vinyl liners; and no unpleasant odor.

The chlorine-free BAQUACIL Pool Care System is an effective sanitizing system that pool owners worldwide have been relying on for 25 years. BAQUACIL is available nationwide through a network of authorized BAQUACIL dealers. These pool professionals are the experts in the industry and are trained annually to assist pool owners in maintaining their swimming pools throughout the year.

To find out more about the benefits of chlorine-free pool care, request a free pool care guide and video, or to find an authorized BAQUACIL dealer near you, call 1-800-374-7764. BAQUACIL also provides pool sanitization information on its Web site at [www.baquacil.com](http://www.baquacil.com).