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Here are some tips to help you effectively open your pool and prepare it for a summer of family fun! If you need help, or if this is your first time, let us know and we can help you. Feel free to contact one of our pool opening specialists by email at: [customerservice@poolsuppliescanada.ca](mailto:customerservice@poolsuppliescanada.ca)

## EQUIPMENT YOU NEED

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pool Pump            | <input type="checkbox"/> Soft Broom or Skimmer Net |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Cover Cleaner | <input type="checkbox"/> A Friend to Help          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Start up Chemicals   |  |

## THE GENERAL PROCESS

- ☐ **Supplies**  
Get your chemicals ready and replace any that have expired.
- ☐ **Uncover**  
Remove, clean and store your winter cover.
- ☐ **Equipment**  
Reinstall or reassemble your pump, filter and other items.
- ☐ **Deck**  
Reinstall any ladders, diving boards and other deck fittings.
- ☐ **Plumbing**  
Remove any plugs and replace return outlet fittings.
- ☐ **Refill**  
Fill your pool back up to its normal water level.
- ☐ **Electrical**  
Restore circuit breakers, switches and time clock trippers.
- ☐ **Cleaning**  
Restart circulation equipment and clean the pool.
- ☐ **Chemistry**  
Balance your water chemistry and check the water.

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### BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before getting started, ensure that you:

- ☐ Drain water from the top of the pool cover with a submersible pump and remove leaves and debris. To do this, ensure you use a soft broom or skimmer net.
- ☐ Minimize the amount of dirty water and debris going into the pool as much as possible. **Don't worry if some of the dirty water goes into the pool, it will happen. You will be shocking and filtering that water out to be crystal clear!**
- ☐ Remove the cover from the pool and lay it out to clean and store away. It is best to do so when the cover is dry, which makes it easier to sweep away most of whatever has accumulated on top of it over the winter.
- ☐ Drain and rinse off your water bags (if applicable) before storing them.

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- ☐ **Remove the winter cover**
- ☐ **Clean and store the winter cover**  
**Tip:** Use water, winter cover cleaner and a brush to clean your cover. If you used water bags or tubes, empty and dry them out before storage. Use a tightly covered container to store your winter cover.
- ☐ **Fill up your pool**  
**Tip:** You can fill the pool by placing your garden hose under the cover. This will raise the water level in the pool and make the removal of the cover a lot easier.
- ☐ **Remove winterizing devices**  
Winterizing devices include foam rope, gizzmos, skimmer covers, etc. Connect your pump and return lines (if required).
- ☐ **Replace the skimmer and return**  
The weir is also known as the flapper door. Check to see if any replacement parts are required and replace accordingly. Remove the plugs from the return lines and replace the return fittings, angling them at a 33° to 45° angle to ensure proper circulation.
- ☐ **Re-install the lights**  
**Tip:** Ensure all lights are correctly installed in their respective niches and are operational. Replace the bulbs that are damaged or burnt out.



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### Re-install ladders and accessories

Ensure ladders are securely installed, diving boards are tightly fastened, and accessories and other water features are connected and in working order.

**Tip:** Lubricate all bolts on the dive board, ladders and/or rails. This will prevent them from rusting over the summer, making it easier on you for pool closing.



### Hook up your equipment

Connect and assemble your pump(s), filter and any other additional equipment you might have (waterfall circulation pumps, heaters, etc.)

**Tip:** Inspect accuracy of all gauges and replace the drain plugs and pressure gauge if needed. If you have a multi-port valve, replace the air bleeder, sight glass, and pressure gauge. Check the lid "O" ring on your pump housing, bending it with your fingers all around the check for any cracks in the rubber. Lubricate the "O" ring with a silicone to ensure a proper seal.



### Power up your equipment

Make sure that all motors, fittings and systems are in good working order. Consult your manual or a professional to address any technical or electrical issues. Re-install any additional equipment, including booster pumps, heaters or chlorine dispensers, and make sure everything is operating as it should.



### Clean the pool

Start circulating the pool. Brush the sides of your pool until clean, and run your vacuum system to catch any dirt which may have settled at the bottom of the pool. If there's a lot on the bottom, scoop it up with a leaf net.



### Add your opening chemicals

Add opening chemicals and balance your levels. Ensure your water has circulated for at least 8-24 hours before having it tested by a professional.

**Tip:** After adjusting the pH and alkaline levels, you will want to run your pump constantly for a couple of days until the desired levels are achieved. If your pool water is turning green, you may wish to purchase an algaecide treatment.



As well, a complete **Pool Opening Kit** can be found on our website at [www.poolsuppliescanada.ca](http://www.poolsuppliescanada.ca) and is affordable for purchase.

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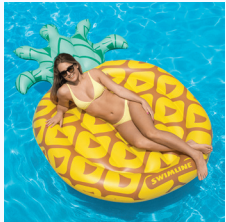
## FINAL STEPS

Now that your pool is open, consider these final steps before you start swimming:



### Pool Cleaners

If you feel it's time for a new pool cleaner, you'll find that it has never been easier with so many automatic suction and robotic vacuum cleaners available on the market!



### Pool Toys & Floats

If you want to add to the fun or spoil your kids, then you can find a wide assortment of toys, games and floats in our toys section!



### Cartridge Filters

If you have a cartridge filter, the filter cartridge(s) may need to be cleaned or replaced at the beginning of the season. We stock a wide selection of replacement cartridges on our website should you need new ones!

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