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Mission Statement:  
To provide "Only Quality Work"  
by taking care of each pool as  
if it were our own and treating  
each customer like family.

Family owned and operated since 1971

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## ABOVEGROUND POOL OPENING GUIDELINES

1. Use an electric sump pump (always place a Frisbee or similar object under the pump) or siphon the water off of your cover. If you have a mesh cover you will not need to remove any water from the pool. Carefully remove any debris off of the cover. Remove the cover slowly from one end to the other end. Try not to get any water or debris that may be on your cover into the pool. Clean your pool cover with "Cover Cleaner" to prevent sticking, mildew, algae or unpleasant odors (Do not place the cover on your grass). Fold cover and store in your basement. It should not be stored in a shed or the garage. Ants or mice may destroy your cover!! A large sealed container works well (large trash barrel with lid).
2. Check your pump, skimmer, and filter to be sure they are in proper working condition. Be sure that the o-rings are lubricated and not worn out. Make sure all drain plugs have been reinstalled.
3. Connect the pump suction hose to the skimmer and the return hose to the outlet.
4. Remove the winter plug from the return fitting and the Aquador from the skimmer.
5. Bring your water level to half-skimmer and remove any leaves or other debris from the pool with a leaf net. Expect your water level to be low in your pool. (This occurs due to ice and water displacement.) Fill the pool to normal swimming height (half-skimmer).
6. Before turning on your filter system follow the appropriate guidelines based on your filter:

**SAND FILTERS:** Put filter handle on filter tank to the "Filter" position. Install the drain plug.

**D.E. FILTERS:** Close or plug the drain/backwash valve. AFTER the filter is running, put in the appropriate amount of D.E. powder into your skimmer.

All DE filters should have a label on them indicating the amount of DE required

For your convenience, we carry one (1) pound D.E. cups in our retail store.

Expect to bump and backwash your filter several times during the first 24 hours of operation.

**CARTRIDGE FILTERS:** Make sure you have a properly cleaned cartridge installed before operation. Install the drain plug.

7. Fill the pump/strainer housing with water. Make sure the drain plugs are in properly. Be sure to tighten the lid/cover. Turn on your filter system. **IMPORTANT:** Make sure that all of the electrical connections are grounded first and test your GFCI.

**IMPORTANT:** Do not worry if you have our anti-freeze in your lines. It is non-toxic and biodegradable.

8. Now you are ready to add your opening chemicals. It does not matter in what order you add them as long as your filter is running. . **Remember to always read and follow label instructions on pool chemicals and products.**
- A. **WHAM-O** is a broad spectrum non-foaming algaecide needed to inhibit algae from forming. Add the entire contents by walking around the perimeter of the pool.
  - B. **COP\_OUT** is a sequestering agent that is used to tie up minerals such as copper and iron and hold them in suspension so that they may be filtered out. It is also used in preventing staining of your swimming pool liner.
  - C. **NOK-OUT** is a super shocking agent used in effectively eliminating bacteria and germs in water. This product is 100% water soluble and contains no residue. The manufacturer recommends using a clean plastic bucket and place water into the bucket. Then add product to water in bucket. Use a clean plastic or wooden spoon to stir. Never add more than 1 (one) pound of this product to less than 3 gallons of cool water. After dissolving this product, pour the solution around the edge of the pool with the circulation pump on. **NEVER MIX THIS PRODUCT WITH ANY OTHER PRODUCT**

**ALWAYS READ AND FOLLOW THE MANUFACTURERS LABELLED INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL CHEMICAL PROCEDURES**

9. Do not vacuum your pool for at least 24 hours or until your water is clear. If you have a lot of debris on the bottom of the pool, make sure that you vacuum on waste or use your leaf net for the heavy stuff!
10. It is critical to you and your pool to bring us a water sample (at least one pint taken from 12" or lower) after your filter has been circulating for 24 hours.

We do not charge for testing water. Please utilize our free water test bottle or use a CLEAN plastic container. Do not use empty chemical containers. Also, bring a list of your chemicals that you have at home with you.

REMEMBER, water balance is critical to your pool's plumbing and water "health" just as changing your oil and tuning your engine is critical to the proper operation of your vehicle.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call us at 781-293-7075

Thank you for your patronage and continued support.

Jim Jr. and Heather Stone

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