

# Helpful Hints to Keep your pool Water Sparkling Clean all Summer!

1. Make sure your “eyeballs” are pointed down and to the right at a 45 degree angle. All eyeballs should be pointed in the same direction, so that your pool water moves in a circle.
2. If you have main drains, make sure that your skimmer and main drains have equal suction. This ensures that the water on the bottom of your pool is filtered correctly.
3. Run your pump a minimum of 10-12 hours per day. We recommend 24/7 for cleanest water.
4. Brush pool walls and floor once a week.
5. Keep skimmer baskets and pump basket clean.
6. Don't operate your pool without a “weir”, or flap for your skimmer. Without the flap, leaves and things won't be sucked into the skimmer basket.
7. Filter sand should be changed every 3-5 years on a chlorine pool. For Baquacil pools, sand should be changed every 2 years.
8. Filter sand should be chemically cleaned twice per season. If you don't, at least use backwash filter cleaner each time you backwash. A cartridge filter also needs to be chemically cleaned twice per season.
9. Chemically clean your sand after an algae problem. This helps make sure that algae doesn't come back.
10. And speaking of backwashing, make a note of your filter pressure at start-up. Then, backwash only when your pressure gauge shows pressure at 10 pounds above start-up. There is no need to backwash daily!
11. After backwashing, turn your multiport to “rinse” for at least 15 seconds. This keeps junk from shooting back into your pool through the inlets.
12. A good water sample comes from 18 inches below the surface of the water. Fill your sample container to the top, as air in the container can affect pH levels. And a water sample that has been riding around in a hot car all day may not test correctly – as the temperature affects the sanitizer level.

