

## How to Open your Pool in the Spring

The right start at the beginning of the Swimming pool season can make all the difference to how easy your pool is to maintain. With Poolmarket's products, the right start is easy. Just follow these simple steps below:

1. **Fill your pool.** If the pool was closed for the winter and the water level is low, top up the water level to the middle of the skimmer opening.
2. **Remove your pool cover.** If your pool is new, skip this step. If your pool has been covered with a winter debris cover, sweep it and clean it to prevent mildew and unpleasant odours. Once it is clean, store the cover in a clean, dry place, away from sunlight and weather.
3. **Check your pump skimmer and basket filter.** Make sure all equipment is clean and in working order. Start the circulation system and remove debris from the pool. Your filter is a very important part of your pool maintenance programme. If it is not working properly, neither will the chemical products you add. If the filter media is dirty or was not cleaned before the pool was closed, remove grease, oil and scale deposits.
4. **Minimise Chlorine loss to sunlight.** The sun's rays can act like a magnet and draw chlorine from your pool water; this can be reduced by applying stabiliser. As Poolmarket offer stabilised forms of chlorine a separate stabiliser is normally only necessary when the pool is drained and refilled.
5. **Test Chlorine and pH.** Use your water analysis test kit to check the free chlorine and pH levels. When you have achieved a free chlorine level of 1 to 3mg/l and a pH level between 7.2 and 7.6, you're ready to swim.
6. **Now that you are swimming.** Start your routine maintenance.

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