



Knowing Your Pool's Personality and Characteristics

Every pool has its own personality, which is continuously impacted by the pool surroundings, weather, season and age. Landscaping drainage, trees, and shrubs are sources of unwanted deposits in your pool. Algae spores constantly enter the pool, brought in by wind, rain, and contaminated swimsuits. Each season presents its own conditions. Swimming pool components including the pool itself varies in performance with age.

Beyond these influences, there are four key causes that affect pool behavior, i.e., chemistry, cleaning, filtration, and quality of equipment including water leaks. Unfortunately, when something goes wrong, there is a tendency to conclude chemistry is both the problem and solution. While it is true that pool water chemistry must be in balance to be effective, this balance must also be in harmony with cleaning, filtration, and equipment performance.

These key disruptive sources each have a "cause and effect" relationship. Typically, when a chemical failure occurs, its cause can be traced to chemistry's dependence on effective cleaning, filtration, and equipment performance. Classic examples include inadequate cleaning and insufficient filtration, which are the primary causes of algae growth. A more complicated example results from water leaking from the pool. This requires frequent water replacement, thereby diluting the chemicals effectiveness. A pool, like the coolant system in an automobile, must be free of leaks to maintain peak performance.

New Services:

We have come to realize many people simply do not have the time to maintain a weekly full cleaning program for their pools. Yet algae spores must be brushed off the walls before they have a chance to colonize. Once build up is visible to the naked eye, algae has the capacity to turn your pool from clear to green overnight, often times requiring several recovery treatments. While brushing and chemical treatment are not a replacement for a weekly full service cleaning program, it does take the majority of the work out of pool ownership for approximately half the price of full service. This last statement assumes proper filtration and a good pool equipment maintenance program is in place. In response to numerous requests from our customers for assistance in maintaining a healthier and more aesthetically correct pool, we are offering the following new services:

- Temporary full cleaning service: This service includes brushing, vacuuming, surface netting, backwashing, skimmer maintenance, etc., and it is designed to meet the needs of vacationers and frequent travelers who prefer to perform their own cleaning program. The cost of this program is dependent on the condition of the pool at the time of this need.
- Repair Services: We have a friendly team of authorized service representatives to assist the pool owner when mechanical or leak problems develop.

Please call our office for assistance when you have a need for any of these services.

Remember, algae are living aquatic creatures that multiply rapidly on warm, sunny days. They clog sanitation pathways in a filter, decreasing chemical effectiveness. Once established, it requires work, effort, and money to eradicate from your pool. Infrequent cleaning during the recovery period will cause your water to fluxuate up and down in its clarity. This gives the appearance of chemical ineffectiveness, when in actuality what is happening is new algae blooms are occurring faster than sweeping and cleaning process is eradicating existing colonies. Here are some additional helpful hints for maintaining a quality swimming pool:

Helpful Hints For a Healthier Pool:

- Brush before algae appears in the pool.
- Brush at least twice weekly.
- Brush prior to chemical application.
- Run filtration system 10-12 hours daily.
- Do not add chemicals between service dates. Call us.
- Backwash only when filter pressure gauge indicates the need.
- Vacuum when ever foreign materials appear in the pool but not less then once a week. This is especially important to perform after an algae chemical treatment.
- Notify your technician if you use a heater.
- Do not share your pool with pets or wildlife.
- Ensure cleaning, chemical treatment, filtration, and equipment maintenance are in harmony at all times.

I hope that this information will be valuable in better understanding pool performance. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office at 904-636-0903.