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What is Conditioner?

Conditioner is Cyanuric Acid. It acts as a sunblock for your pool to help hold chlorine in the water so it can sanitize the pool. Both traditional chlorine and salt pools need conditioner. Without conditioner most chlorine can be burnt out of the water in a few hours.

The main reason conditioner leaves the pool is through water loss. Leaking pools can cause numerous pounds of conditioner to have to be added throughout the year. Draining/ backwashing and splashing water out of the pool will cause conditioner loss as well. The more predominant these issues are will constitute an increased usage of conditioner. The usage amount is the annual conditioner charge.

Every pool needs appropriate levels of conditioner to stay chemically balanced throughout the week in order to provide a sanitary swimming environment.

General Summer Pool Care:

- Brush pool walls
 twice a week
- Filter 10-12 hours daily
- Keep pool and skimmers free of debris

Why do pools get stains?

This is a question we get asked almost every day. The quick answer, there isn't one. Stains can come from just about any outside factor. The most common that we see, is natural metals in the water source used to fill pools up with. Pool stains can also come from leaves, branches, lawn fertilizers, dirt, older heat pumps, pool toys and even skin lotions. It is very difficult to determine what the main cause of surface discoloration is.

Regular service will not prevent staining from occurring. A pool can be perfectly balanced and still have scaling and stain. Sequestrant agents are a product that attracts and holds minerals together in suspension of the water. Essentially "lifting" minerals off the surface of the pool to keep the surface looking uniform. Sequestrants can be added to the pool every three months to help combat staining.