

ALL YOU NEED TO OPEN-UP YOUR SWIMMING POOL

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A guide to opening-up
your outdoor swimming pool
ready for the summer



OPENING UP YOUR SWIMMING POOL READY FOR THE SUMMER

Getting your pool up and running for the new season is not too difficult, and the following guidelines should make life even easier for you. However, if you've got doubts that this particular line in DIY is not for you, give your local Fi-Clor pool centre or service engineer a call.

WHAT'S INVOLVED IN OPENING UP YOUR POOL?

FOR POOLS RUN ON CHLORINE.

First, shock dose the pool with **Fi-Clor Superfast Shock**, which is an unstabilised granular chlorine that gets to work the moment it is dissolved. The high dose of chlorine will kill off any algae spores and bacteria that might be lurking in liner creases or in the surface of tile grouting. This will give you as near sterile water as possible. Your pool water needs to be kept in good condition throughout the spring and summer as the chlorine will soon dissipate.

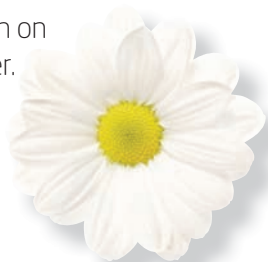
You now need to add **Fi-Clor Multi-Functional Algicide**. Its special formulation contains a Long Life Algicide, Water Clarifier, and Anti Stain & Scale additives, which prevent the formation of scale and staining from dissolved minerals.

FOR POOLS RUN ON BROMINE OR BAQUACIL® (PHMB).

The above procedure and instructions opposite are aimed at pools run on chlorine, as it is by far the most commonly used outdoor pool sanitiser. There are parallel procedures for other disinfectants as follows.

Bromine is very similar to chlorine and can be shock dosed with **Fi-Clor Superfast Shock**. This should then be followed by the prescribed dose of **Fi-Clor Multi-Functional Algicide**.

Baquacil (PHMB) is a non-chlorine sanitiser which is totally incompatible with chlorine and bromine therefore **Baquacil Shock** and **Baquacil Concentrated Algicide** should be used. We recommend you follow the 'Pool Opening' procedure in the Baquacil handbook.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPENING UP YOUR OUTDOOR CHLORINE POOL



1. Remove surface water and debris from the winter cover before taking it off, then clean and dry it ready for storage.
2. Using a leaf net, remove as much debris from the pool as possible and clean any tide marks at the water line using **Fi-Clor Tile & Liner Cleaner**.
3. Reconnect the pump if you removed it over winter making sure all electrical connections are free from dampness. Call in an electrician if you are in any doubt about what you are doing.
4. Open any valves beneath the water line which may have been closed or plugged.
5. Check there are no obstructions to the drains, the outlets and the pump strainer basket.
6. If necessary, top up the water level so that it can be drawn in through the skimmer/s.
7. Prime the pump, turn it on and check that the filter, skimmers and drains are all working. Do not be too concerned if the water from the circulation is discoloured initially. If the water level was too high because of rain over the winter, pump to waste.
8. Run the filter for several hours, vacuuming out any remaining debris.
9. Backwash the filter and top up with fresh water.
10. Prepare the heat retention cover for use, cleaning off any patches of algae or mould.
11. Check the pH and adjust to 7.2–7.4. Ask your dealer for **Fi-Clor pH & Alkalinity Reducer** to lower the pH or **Fi-Clor pH Increaser** to raise the pH.
12. Dose with **Fi-Clor Superfast Shock** to kill any algae and harmful organisms that may be present. Allow the water to circulate for 3 to 4 hours to ensure thorough mixing.
13. Then with the water still circulating, add **Fi-Clor Multi-Functional Algicide**, pouring it near the swimming pool inlet at the prescribed dose.

Remember these are general guidelines and not specific to your own pool. Always follow chemical manufacturers' instructions carefully. When using Baquacil (PHMB), always check the compatibility of ancillary maintenance chemicals and if you are in any doubt as to your ability, contact your local Fi-Clor dealer or service engineer to carry out this work for you.

WARNING. Do not mix Fi-Clor Superfast Shock with any other types of chlorinating compounds (even other products on the Fi-Clor range) either in the dry state, or in the skimmer. Fire or explosion may result. If using with other products, dose them into the pool separately.