

Pool Opening Instructions

CUSTOMER: _____ TYPE OF POOL: _____ VOLUME OF POOL: _____
SALESPERSON: _____ DATE: _____

The steps described below are intended to guide you through the process of opening your pool so that it can be properly maintained during the swimming season. You must read and follow product label directions and accompanying precautionary statements.

ATTN: Never mix pool chemicals.

1. Remove water from pool cover using a submersible pump or a siphon and clean off any debris that has accumulated over the winter.
2. Remove the pool cover.
3. Clean the cover thoroughly using a vinyl safe cleaner.
4. After cleaning and drying both sides of the cover, sprinkle Leslie's Alkalinity Up* on cover to help prevent mold and mildew. Fold the cover loosely and store in a cool dry place.

Note: If Your Pool Was Not Winterized For Freezing Conditions, Skip To Step 8.

5. Reinstall pool equipment if it was removed. Reconnect the filter, pump, etc. Make sure all drain plugs are replaced in pump, filter, heater, booster pump, pool cleaners, etc.
6. Remove winterizing plugs from the skimmer and the return lines.
7. If Anti-Freeze was used in winterizing, discharge this to waste or backwash.
8. Add water to the pool until it reaches its normal level.
9. Prime the pump and then turn on the circulation and filtration system.
10. Add _____ **Stain & Scale Prevent Start-Up or MetalFree**. Sprinkle in water around pool perimeter. Do not add through skimmer. Each week in season, use **Leslie's Stain & Scale Prevent** per label directions to prevent stain & scale buildup.
11. **Test the water** for pH and total alkalinity. The proper range for total alkalinity is from 80 to 120 ppm for a gunite (plaster) pool or 100 to 140 ppm for vinyl-liner, painted or fiberglass pools. Adjust total alkalinity to the proper range. The proper pH is from 7.4 to 7.6. After adjusting total alkalinity, adjust pH to the proper range.
12. Brush the pool then vacuum thoroughly.

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13. Broadcast 3 oz. of **Leslie's Chlor Brite®** per each 10,000 gallons of water. Test the Free Available Chlorine (FAC) level, and if below 1-4 ppm, add additional **Leslie's Chlor Brite®** until the FAC level reaches 1-4 ppm as determined by a reliable test kit.
Run circulation system overnight.
14. The next day, add _____ ounces of **Leslie's Algae Control**. Run circulation for 2 hours before continuing.

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15. Add _____ ounces of **Leslie's Ultra Brite or Leslie's Ultra Brite Advanced** directly into the water around the edges of the pool and a small amount directly into the skimmer. Wait 4 hours with the circulation system running. Check filter pressure, clean filter if necessary. Vacuum pool if necessary.
16. Shake bottle of **Perfect Weekly Start-Up or Pool Magic + PHOSfree**. Pour _____ ounces into skimmer with pump running.
Run circulation continuously for 48 hours. Each week in season, use **Leslie's Perfect Weekly** per label directions to enjoy clear, perfect water all summer long!
17. Take a sample of your pool water to your local Leslie's store for a free water analysis to make sure that the phosphates, water hardness, iron, copper, and conditioner levels in your pool water are in their safe and proper range.

During the swimming season, test your water and visually inspect the pool weekly. If the water changes color or the pool surface shows signs of stains, take a sample to your local Leslie's store for professional analysis and recommendation.

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