



## Step by Step Guidelines to Opening Your Pool

### 1.) Remove leaves, debris and water from cover.

- a. Use cover pumps, hand pump, or garden hose to remove water from the top of the cover.
- b. Use a leaf rake across the cover to remove leaves and other debris.
- c. Start filling the pool by putting a garden hose under the cover to float the cover and raise water to an operational level which would be  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way up the side of the skimmer mouth.
- d. CAREFULLY remove cover being sure that no left over debris or water goes back into the pool.
- e. After removing the cover, clean it with a brush and a cover cleaner to remove any algae or other dirt. Allow the cover to dry, and store in a cool dry place until next winter.

### 2.) Prepare pool for operation

- a. Try using a leaf vacuum that collects the leaves that have gotten into the pool and also fill the pool at the same time. Brush down pool walls and floor. Be sure to clean the waterline as well. \*It is important to remove all debris from that water BEFORE adding any chemicals.
- b. Hook up filter system while the pool is filling. Be sure to lubricate all O-Rings, make sure all drain caps are in place and there is teflon tape on all fittings. Check clamps and hoses. Check filter media (sand/cartridge). If dirty, clean/backwash. Replace the media if needed.
- c. When the water is up to operational level, remove skimmer and return winterizing plugs and winter plate.
- d. Make sure all gate valves are open. The pump can now be turned to begin circulation. \*Be sure to bleed any air in the system. Failure to do so will result in poor system pressure/circulation.

### 3.) Clean inside of pool

- a. Hook vacuum hose to vacuum plate.
- b. Snap extendable pole onto the vacuum head.
- c. With the pump running at high speed hold the disc in front of the water flowing back into the pool, until the hose is full of water and no air.
- d. Place into skimmer directly over the basket in the skimmer housing. Avoid allowing any air to enter either end of the hose. Place pump on high speed, if applicable.
- e. Vacuum pool, remove dirt/debris. When finished, clean the filter/backwash. \*Automatic vacuums are available.

### 4.) Begin chemical process

- a. Remove metals
- b. Balance water. This includes balancing the Alkalinity, PH, and Calcium Hardness. (FREE water testing is available.)
- c. Add the starter kit in the following order:
  - Shock
  - Algaecide
  - Clarifier
- d. Add sanitizer.
- e. Treat any algae if applicable.
- f. \*\*If you are unsure about anything, give us a call or bring in a water test.

### 5.) Maintaining the pool

- a. Keep the water circulating as much as possible. Keep up with chemical routines for your specific chemical system.
- b. Test the water weekly. (FREE water testing is available.)