



## Step by Step Guidelines to Opening Your Pool

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

- a. Use cover pumps, hand pump, pool pump, garden hose, or electric pump
- b. Use leaf rake across the cover to remove leaves
- c. Start filling the pool by putting garden hose under the cover. To float cover.
- 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 to remove any algae or other dirt. Allow the cover to dry, and store 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 \*it is important to remove all debris from that water before adding any chemicals. Brush down pool walls and floor.
- 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. Make sure fittings are tight but do not tighten them too much. Check filter media.
- c. Prime the filter by putting the garden hose in to the skimmer until the basket is full. Air may need to be released by opening an air bleeding valve.

### **3.) Clean inside of pool**

- a. Hook vacuum hose to vacuum plate or disc.
- b. Snap extendable pole onto the vacuum head.
- c. With the filter running at full operation hold the disc in front of the clean water flowing back into the pool, until the hose is full of water and no air. This should only take a couple of minutes.
- d. Immediately cup hand over the hole in the vac plate and place into skimmer directly over the basket in the skimmer housing. Avoid allowing any air to enter either end of the hose; a bleeder valve may be needed to remove unwanted air from the filter system.
- e. Slowly move the vacuum head around the pool; removing all fine dirt and debris (an automatic vacuum will do this for you!)

### **4.) Begin chemical process**

- a. If the pool is green because of algae continue step #4, if not, go to step 5.
- b. Be sure that the PH is on the low end of the scale because the shock can more effectively kill algae when the PH is low. Also be sure that the alkalinity, calcium and stabilizer levels are correct. ( We do FREE water testing)
- c. Add the recommended amount of shock, this may need to be repeated if conditions are not improving.
- d. After the pool has turned from green to foggy or cloudy, add a clarifier. (Wait 6-12 hrs. after the shock has been added.)
- e. Repeat above steps until water is clear.

### **5.) Add start up chemicals**

- a. Add chemical start up kit(s) depending on size of pool, per directions on the box.
- b. Begin normal circulation and chemical routine.
- c. Test water weekly. (Remember we do FREE water testing!)