Pools require many tasks that need to be done weekly, sometimes more frequently, and trying to remember all of them is no easy feat. This pool maintenance checklist separates what tasks need to be done multiple times a week, once a week and even on a monthly basis to keep your pool as beautiful as it is now for years to come.

2-3 TIMES PER WEEK (DURING SEASON)

☐ Clean Out The Skimmer And Pump Basket
   Turn off the pump when you clean either basket.
   Close the skimmer and main drain valves when you clean the pump basket.
   Always check for any damage and replace the baskets when needed.
   May need to be cleaned more frequently than 2-3 times a week.

☐ Use A Leaf Scoop To Remove Litter

WEEKLY (DURING SEASON)

☐ Vacuum The Bottom And Sides
   Even if you have an automatic pool cleaner, you should still brush off the sides and bottom of the pool to loosen dirt and other particles to make it easier to clean.

☐ Test And Adjust
   • Sanitizer Level
     Free Chlorine levels should be between 1-3 parts per million (ppm).
     Free Bromine levels should be between 3-5 ppm.
   • pH Level
     Levels for pools should range from 7.4 to 7.7.
     When levels are too high or low, use pH balancer products accordingly.
     Don’t correct pH levels more than once a week.
   • Alkalinity Level
     Total Alkalinity (TA) levels can should stay between 100-150 ppm.
   • Calcium Hardness (CH) Levels
     CH levels should be between 250-350 ppm.
   • Salt levels (only in salt water pools)
     Salt levels should be between 2700-3400 ppm, the ideal level at 3200 ppm.
     You can also calculate what your pool’s exact salinity level should be with a salinity calculator.

☐ Check The Water Level And Adjust As Needed
   The standard rate for adjusting is 1 inch (25 millimeters) per hour.

TIP

Apple and Android both offer calculator apps to help you determine chemistry levels specifically for your pool.

Apple App Store
Pool-Calculator

Google Play Store
PoolCalculator.com

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WEEKLY Cont. (DURING SEASON)

☐ Clean Coping Around The Water Surface

☐ Use Algae Removal Products As Needed

☐ Shock The Pool As Instructed On The Product Label

Shocking the pool destroys bacteria and also puts sparkle back in the water.
Shock oxidizers can be used once every 2 weeks.

MONTHLY

Continue checking levels listed in the “Weekly” maintenance section

☐ Test for Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)

Acceptable levels of TDS are 1,000-2,000 ppm, the ideal level being under 1,500 ppm.

☐ Conduct A Langelier Saturation Index Evaluation

A Langelier Saturation Index (LSI) evaluation assesses water quality to determine if it has a tendency to form a chemical scale or corrosion. Information needed for LSI evaluation: pH level, TDS level, TA level and CH levels (or Total Hardness [TH] level if available).
You can use a LSI calculator for quick results.

☐ Chemically Clean The Filter

☐ Check For Holes And Tears In The Liner

☐ Check The Seals In The Pool’s Motor And Pump

☐ Check That Safety Equipment Is Still Working Properly (railings, steps, etc.)

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