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Opening Instructions for Above Ground Pools

Cleaning Cover

- Pump the water off the top of the cover – Easiest method is to purchase a submersible pump that can be attached to a garden hose. You could also siphon it.
- After removing water, clean off the debris that has accumulated on the cover.
- Once the winter cover is clean, remove it off the pool. Also take out the air pillow or float that had been placed in the middle of the pool.

Reattaching Filter Equipment

- Attach the hose from the skimmer to the front of the pool pump.
- Attach the hose from the return outlet on the pool to the filter.
- Screw all the drain plugs back into the bottom of the pump, filter, and chlorinator.
- Reattach the pressure gauge and air bleeder to the filter (if applicable).
- Remove the winter plug from the return outlet in the pool. Screw the directional flow eyeball back into the return fitting.
- Remove any skimmer cover or plate on the square opening on the front of the skimmer.
- Remove any plug in the bottom of the skimmer and install your basket.
- Install the skimmer weir flapping door in the skimmer.

Fill Pool

- Fill the pool two thirds of the way up the skimmer. After the pool has been filled, start the pump. If you have a DE filter be sure to add DE at this point! Chemicals can then be added.

For Chlorine or Simple Blue Pools:

- Add 1lb. or 1 gallon of Shock per 10,000 gallons
- Add 1 Islander Opening kit per 10,000 gallons

For Simple Salt Pools:

- Replace the Simple Salt Cell
- Add 1lb. or 1 gallon of Shock per 10,000 gallons
- Add 1 Islander Opening kit per 10,000 gallons – Wait 1 day before next step
- Add 1 full bag of slat to pull and brush
- Add 1 full pail of Simple Salt Prime and brush

For Baquacil Pools:

- Add 1 gallon of Baquacil Shock and Oxidizer per 10,000 gallons
- Add 2 pints of Baquacil CDX per 10,000 gallons
- **Following Day** – Test pool water and top-up Baquacil Sanitizer to 50 ppm.

To adequately filter pool, equipment should circulate continuously for 8-12 hours per day.