

# Pool Care Without the Pool Guy: Regular Chlorine Pool Routine

A practical first-month handoff checklist for regular chlorinated pools.

## PDF Purpose

A concise homeowner reference for a regular chlorinated pool. It should help a reader build a safe first-month handoff routine without becoming chemical dosing advice.

## Page 1: Weekly Regular Chlorine Pool Routine

Use this as a practical routine tracker for a pool where chlorine is added or managed directly. Follow your pool equipment manuals, test-kit directions, product labels, safety data sheets, and qualified pool guidance. This checklist is not chemical dosing advice.

### Equipment Needed

- Reliable pool-water testing kit or test strips appropriate for sanitizer, pH, and other readings your pool professional or test-kit directions require.
- Pool log, notebook, or phone note for recording readings, adjustments, filter cleanings, weather, and recurring problems.
- Pool net or skimmer net.
- Pool brush appropriate for your pool surface.
- Telescoping pole.
- Manual vacuum, robotic cleaner, or other cleaning system already approved for your pool.
- Clean measuring tools used only for pool chemicals if product labels require measuring.
- Product-required PPE such as gloves and eye protection.
- Original labeled pool chemicals already used for your regular chlorinated pool, stored dry and safely.
- Access to product labels, safety data sheets, equipment manuals, and local disposal guidance for old or mystery chemicals.

### The Chemistry Rhythm

- Test before adding anything.
- Record the result.
- Compare the result with the test-kit directions and product label.
- Make one deliberate adjustment at a time if an adjustment is needed.
- Let the pool circulate according to product and equipment guidance.
- Re-test or re-check according to the directions.
- Do not guess, mix products, or chase several numbers at once.

### Water And Safety

- Test sanitizer.
- Test pH.
- Record results.
- Check stabilizer, alkalinity, calcium hardness, or other readings only as directed by your test kit, pool professional, or product guidance.
- Follow test-kit manufacturer directions.
- Read chemical labels before handling anything.
- Wear product-required PPE.
- Never mix pool chemicals together.
- Keep chemicals away from children and pets.
- Keep chemicals dry and in original labeled containers.

### Physical Cleaning

- Skim surface debris.
- Brush steps, benches, shelves, corners, and waterline areas.
- Empty skimmer baskets.
- Empty pump basket safely according to equipment guidance.
- Empty robotic cleaner or skimmer baskets.
- Check water level.

### Equipment Awareness

- Listen for unusual pump or cleaner sounds.
- Check return flow.
- Check filter pressure or indicator against the clean baseline.
- Look for leaks, air bubbles, or cloudy water.
- Confirm cleaner is not stuck.
- Record filter cleaning/backwash if completed.

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## Page 2: First 30 Days After Canceling Pool Service

### Week 1: Baseline

- Photograph equipment pad, valves, pump basket, filter, cleaner setup, and recurring problem areas.
- Identify the chlorine product type currently used.
- Identify filter type.
- Identify cleaner type.
- Test water yourself.
- Compare results with professional/store/reference testing if available.
- Write down the normal pump schedule.
- Read labels and safety data sheets for chemicals stored at home.

### Week 2: Take Over The Chores

- Skim.
- Brush.
- Empty baskets.
- Start a simple pool log.
- Note where debris collects first.
- Note what feels confusing or unsafe.
- Practice the test-write-interpret-adjust rhythm without rushing.

### Week 3: Review The System

- Inspect filter maintenance needs.
- Review cleaner performance.
- Watch for recurring cloudy water, algae, dust, or surface debris.
- Decide whether any task needs professional instruction.
- Review chemical storage and remove unlabeled, damaged, or mystery products through the proper local disposal path.

### Week 4: Decide The New Service Model

- Full DIY routine is realistic.
- Partial DIY plus occasional professional support is realistic.
- Full service still makes sense.
- Specific professional help is needed before canceling service.

## Call-A-Pro Triggers

- You cannot keep sanitizer and pH in range.
- Water is cloudy, green, unsafe-looking, or repeatedly drifting.
- Algae keeps returning.
- You suspect a leak.
- Pump loses prime.
- Equipment makes new noises.
- Electrical equipment, timers, automation, or wiring are involved.
- Filter pressure or flow changes and you do not know why.
- You are unsure how to open, close, prime, or restart equipment safely.
- Stains, scale, rust, or surface damage need diagnosis.
- Chemical labels are unclear or conflict with advice you received.
- A contamination event occurs.

## Footer Disclaimer

This checklist is general homeowner education. Follow product labels, safety data sheets, test-kit instructions, equipment manuals, and qualified pool professional guidance. Do not use this checklist as chemical dosing, electrical, equipment-repair, leak-diagnosis, or surface-treatment advice.