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Vacation Proofing Your Pool

Going away for a few days? Here's how to prevent your pool from turning green and cloudy!

For ALL types of pools. Using ANY sanitizer or system.

1. Chemically clean your filter with SoftSwim Filter Cleaner (SoftSwim or biguanide pools), Kleen It or Strip Kwik (chlorine or bromine pools).
2. Adjust the pool's water balance: pH (7.4--7.6), Total Alkalinity (120--150 ppm vinyl pools, 100--120 plaster or gunite finish), Calcium Hardness (175--225 ppm vinyl pools, 225--275 ppm plaster or gunite pools). Water balance is critical to maintain sanitizer efficiency.
3. Give the pool a good, thorough vacuuming & brushing.
4. Clean the Solar Blanket with Stow Away or Natural Chemistry Cover Cleaner to remove any building bio-film that will harbor algae growth.
5. Adjust Sanitizer level to normal range (SoftSwim "B" to 30 - 50 ppm or Chlorine to 1.0 - 2.0 ppm, Bromine to about 4 ppm).
6. Add an **initial dosage** of Algicide. Back Up or Algae All 60 (for chlorine or bromine pools) SoftSwim "A" Algicide (SoftSwim or biguanide pools).
7. Double or triple shock your pool. SoftSwim "C" clarifier (for SoftSwim or biguanide pools). BioGuard Burn Out Extreme (for chlorine or bromine pools).
8. Optimize the Pool with Optimizer Plus. This will make the most significant difference in your overall pool care. Not only will Optimizer Plus suppress algae growth, but the sanitizer (any type) will be enhanced, plus the pH & Total Alkalinity will get a second buffer for their optimal balance.
9. Put the Filter system on a timer & set the system to run for 12 hours each day, during the day. Don't rely on friends & neighbors to run the filter when you're gone.
10. Go Away & have fun! If you follow these steps, you'll return to a clean, clear, sanitary pool.

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