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# The Pool Owner's Opening & Closing Guide

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# Pool Chemistry Basics

## The core numbers

- ☐ Chlorine: your primary sanitizer against bacteria and algae
- ☐ pH: affects how well chlorine works and comfort for swimmers
- ☐ Alkalinity: the buffer that keeps pH stable

## Golden rule

- ☐ Always test before you treat — never guess and add chemicals

## Fixing Algae & Cloudy Water

### For algae

- ☐ Shock the pool and brush visible algae off surfaces

### For cloudiness

- ☐ Check your filter first — often the real culprit
- ☐ Give it a few days of consistent filtration to clear

## Opening & Closing Season

### Opening

- ☐ Clean thoroughly before testing water
- ☐ Retest after a day or two of running the filter

### Closing

- ☐ Balance chemistry and add winterizing algaecide
- ☐ Inspect pumps, filters, and heaters before covering

# Ready to calculate your dosing?

Get exact chemical amounts at [poolcleaning.id](https://poolcleaning.id), or get matched with a local pool service.

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