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Happy New Year!!

It's a bright, new day here in Cayman. It's 2016, and the future is so bright, you have to wear shades.

The future is bright, and so is the sun. But it's not heating your pool the way you need.

Lucky for you, we have heaters in stock!

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This year will mark our 30th Anniversary. We greatly appreciate all your support and business over the last 3 decades.

Keep an eye on this space over the next few months for some special offers and promotions so you can celebrate with us!



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Question Line

Q : I always have to test and adjust the stabilizer in my pool. Do I need to test it in my hot tub?

A : Great question. The answer is, "maybe."

If you use chlorine in your hot tub, then you will need to monitor your cyanuric acid (CYA), or stabilizer, level. Same as in your pool, chlorine benefits from the use of stabilizer.

If you happen to use bromine to sanitize your hot tub, then you will not have to worry about the stabilizer. While chlorine and bromine are in the same halogen family, there is no benefit to using stabilizer with the bromine. It has no effect.

The good news? You don't generally need it. The cover is usually on your hot tub when not in use, so the sun won't have much time to kill off the bromine.

HAPPY SWIMMING!

What Happened to my Hot Tub?

Congratulations! You did yourself and your family a HUGE favor and bought a hot tub for Christmas because Pool Patrol had a great sale with factory rebates and you saved a ton of money. Now what?

Not everyone is able to afford weekly service, so they have to maintain the tub themselves. There are a few basics you need to cover to keep your hydrotherapy sessions enjoyable and stress-free.

1. RINSE OFF-sounds silly, but it's the easiest way to keep the hot tub clean. Everyone should do it before getting in a pool or hot tub, but nobody ever really does it. You should start!

2. TEST YOUR WATER REGULARLY-if you had a company take care of the tub, they would come once a week and test and balance your water. Adopt that same schedule for yourself. You can even bring the water to Pool Patrol for testing and advice.

3. ADJUST YOUR WATER AS NEEDED-the second half of "test and balance." One week you may need bicarb, the next week you may need acid. It all depends on your situation,

usage, habits, etc. Do you rinse before soaking??? You should. Really. It's a good idea to throw some Shock & Swim oxidizer in the tub after each use. This will help oxidize contaminants that you dragged in since you didn't rinse off (you

really should) before getting in, along with the pint of sweat you just lost.

4. TAKE THE PILLOWS OUT-if you're not using the tub, take the pillows out. It will greatly increase their lifespan and keep them from fading out and looking knackered.

5. CLEAN THE CARTRIDGE-this

is the third most common cause of issues with hot tubs. A filter's job is to take out all the nasty stuff. Dirt, sweat, sloughed off skin cells, make up, sunscreen, etc all come off when you soak. Your cartridge can only handle so much. When you test your water, change out the filter with a clean one. Then take your time and clean the dirty one. Always have 2 cartridges, one to use when the dirty one gets cleaned. We have cleaners and instructions here in the store.

6. CHANGE THE WATER-this is the biggest cause of problems with water quality. Since no one's rinsing off before getting in (you still don't rinse???), you need to change the water every so many days.

At a minimum, change the water every 3 months. Chlorine, bromine and filters can only do so much. Total dissolved solids can only be lowered by changing the water out.

[Email me \(jshambaugh@poolpatrol.ky\)](mailto:jshambaugh@poolpatrol.ky) for the formula to figure out the exact number of days for your water change.

