

How to maintain a fully tiled pool.

Here we guide you about how to care for your fully tiled swimming pool.

Congratulations! You have chosen the easiest pool surface to care for and maintain.

Local Pool Renovations recommends that you do not enter into an empty pool, when a pool is empty tiles can be particularly slippery after any rain or heavy dew.

Newly tiled pool filling instructions.

Fully tiled pools can be re-filled 24 hours after the completion of the pool tiles, however in some circumstances such as cold weather we recommend up to 5 days.

If the pool needs to continue filling overnight do not turn off the water and continue the next morning, instead turn the water pressure down and allow to refill slowly overnight and turn the pressure up again the next morning if more filling is needed.

Never leave a filling pool unattended when the water is nearing the skimmer box height.

Chlorine Pools

As soon as the pool water has reached the skimmer box you then filtrate continuously for 12 hours.

As soon as possible you can adjust the water balance levels to the required amount and vacuum any sediment from the floor.

After adding the chemicals, continuous filtration should be carried out for 24 hours or until the water becomes crystal clear.

Once the water is clear you can continue the advised filtration schedule.

Salt water pools

As soon as the pool is filled and the water reaches the skimmer box run filtration for 12 to 24 hours or until pool water is clear, achieve all recommended levels as soon as possible but do not add salt.

- **Only add salt 5 days after filling.**
- Delay addition of salt until all other levels have been achieved.
- If no auto-cleaner is used, pool should vacuumed by hand when required.

Once the water has cleared you can continue the advised filtration schedule.

Water chemical balancing for a tiled pool interior.

Always test and treat alkalinity first, then pH and finally hardness.

These levels are guides only, though a fully tiled pool is more resistant to balance changes we recommend...

• pH	7.2 - 7.4
• Total Alkalinity mg/L	80 - 120
• Free Chlorine	1.5 – 3.0
• Total Hardness mg/L	1.3 – 3.0

pH levels (Power of Hydrogen)

pH should be maintained within the range of no less than 7.2 > 7.4

This is important because the lower the pH value means there are higher acidic levels in the water. Considering that acid is corrosive, you should avoid having lower pH levels in your pool water since it may affect things such as the grouting in-between tiles.

Total Hardness mg/l

Test the water regularly for Total Hardness, the reading should be maintained in the narrowest possible range between 1.3 & 3.0

Handy hint:

If the hardness is below 1.3 then your pool water will seek calcium from the pool concrete & tile grout as well as making the water become acidic, over time this may deteriorate the grouting and visible calcium leaching may arise between tiles.

If the Total hardness is above 3.0 then you may end up with cloudy/murky looking water.

TA levels (Total alkalinity)

Should be adjusted closer to 110, and maintained within the range 80-120.

Handy hint:

White powdery deposits on the surface generally indicate low Total Alkalinity, adjust these regularly.

Total Alkalinity should be checked regularly and maintained in the range 80-120 all year round.

Great tips!

Though you can't really stain pool tiles you should still avoid dropping anything in your pool and leaving it on the pool floor, especially metals & wood!

Hair pins are a great way to leave a rust mark on grouting, wood & leaf debris can leak organic matter and cause stains.

As soon as you notice anything that doesn't belong in your pool, remove it.

Should you be having any work done around the house or near the pool area make sure you have a pool cover on!

The best pool cleaner is one that runs on wheels to minimize contact with the pool surface.

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How to make your pool tiles & grout last much longer!

Though your pool tiles aren't really affected by this it is still important to understand that the grouting of the tiles can be affected.

Grouting can slowly be eroded by the salt or chlorinated submersion.

Allow the salt or chlorine residues to settle and gently vacuum to waste.

We recommend that you brush down areas of the pool in which your pool cleaner cannot reach.

Then follow this process with 8 hours filtration.

This should be done monthly, this procedure will assist in maintaining a hygienic swimming pool.

This above information especially applies to chlorinated pools.

General pool tile advice

Pool tiles are the most resistant pool interior, however it is still recommended that you maintain your swimming pool.

Calcium or “White stuff” on pool tiles

Calcium can be avoided by maintaining the balancing levels in the above instructions. You can use a scale inhibitor product if needed, available at most pool stores.

For organic stains

If organic stains from rotting leaves or the like are experienced, using a long pvc pipe, place the bottom of the pipe over the stain, pour dry chlorine down the pipe and then sprinkle onto the stain and it should disappear in a few minutes.

Alternatively place a chlorine tablet into an old stocking and tie the stocking to the end of the telegraphic pole and rub over the stain.

For Metal stains

For metal stains e.g. Hair clips or rusting nail – purchase proprietary chemicals designed to suit the problem and follow manufacturer’s directions.

Chemical advice

Each pool chemical should be diluted in a bucket with water and spread evenly over pool’s surface.

Never mix different chemicals together to save time, do each chemical separately.

Always read and follow manufacturer’s directions when using pool chemicals.

Brush off any excess chemical from the pool floor and steps immediately.

Run your filter for 5 to 8 hours a day, backwash regularly – follow manufacturer’s directions.

Pool Advice

Local Pool Renovations recommends that you use a professional maintenance service to clean and balance your swimming pool.

We recommend “*The Pool Guys*”

Contact the pool guys on **0457 665 489**

Disclaimer:

The chemical balancing instructions are the standard recommended levels, always consult with a pool maintenance professional, never empty your swimming pool without first contacting LPR.

Failing to adhere to the above instructions may void your warranty.