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**Aboveground Pool Opening Checklist**

* Ensure the water level is about half-way into the skimmer.
* Reconnect all hoses - make sure clamps are tight to ensure there are no leaks!
  + Skimmer to pump
  + Filter to return
  + If you have a sand filter, reconnect the filter to the pump hose.
* For **cartridge filter systems**, make sure the cartridge is clean and in good condition. If so, then put the cartridge back into the filter. Make sure the air relief valve is closed.
* For **sand filter systems**,
  + Install pressure gauge with teflon tape.
  + Install backwash hose.
* Install all drain caps and plugs.
* Lubricate any o-rings with a teflon based lubricant, like Pool Lube. Do not use petroleum jelly.
* Remove plug from the return and replace with eyeball.
* If using an Aquador, remove the lid from the front of the skimmer and place the skimmer basket back into the skimmer.
* Make sure all valves are open
* Put the pump basket back into the pump and fill the pump pot with water, if not already full.
* For **cartridge filter systems**, turn the pump on.
* For **sand filter systems**, put the filter into backwash mode before turning on the pump.
* Turn on the pump.
* For **sand filters**, let the filter run on backwash mode until sight glass runs clear.
  + Then turn the filter into rinse mode for 30 seconds.
  + Then put the filter into filter mode.
* Run the pool for 24 hours, then bring us a water sample. Always collect the sample from elbow-length into the pool.

These recommendations are to be used as a guide.

Many variables may dictate changes to these guidelines.

Please call OR text us if you have any questions!

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