



July 4th – Independence Day!



We just celebrated Memorial Day and now look forward to July 4th and all that it represents. Our founding fathers had great dreams for this new country, freedoms to speak our mind, worship our God, to be an active part in turning this land into a great nation. In your opinion how are we doing at making those dreams come true? Have a great July 4th and enjoy our liberties.

A Healthy Pool and How to keep it that way!

The subject of a fecal incident at your pool is not one that is often discussed around the dinner table or possibly ever! And that's understandable. But the problem does happen and you need to know how to deal with it. Whether the fecal incident is from a baby, a teenager or an adult, the procedure is the same. The purpose of this article is to alert you as to what should happen if you experience a "Fecal Accident."

First thing to do is get everyone out of the pool or spa immediately and keep them out.

Second thing to do is call us so we can remove the material and begin the sanitizing process through chemical management.

Below are some suggestions from the L.A. County Health Department, Environmental Health Unit. Please follow them!

1. If you have multiple pools that use the same filter, close all pools.
2. For both formed-stool and diarrheal/loose stool fecal accidents - remove as much of the fecal material as possible using a net or scoop and dispose of it in a sanitary manner. Clean and disinfect the net or scoop (e.g., after cleaning, leave the net or scoop immersed in the pool during the disinfection period).
3. Vacuuming stool from the pool is not recommended. If the pool is vacuumed, waste should be directed directly to a sanitary sewer and not through the filtration system of the pool.
4. For more information go to:

http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/ep_rw_fecal.pdf

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What does that pressure gauge on top of the filter tank mean? When the filter is emptied and the eight grids are thoroughly cleaned and the old DE (diatomaceous earth) is removed and replaced, the filter is started up and the pressure becomes the baseline reading. As dirt, debris, skin oils, etc. enter the filter the pressure goes up due to restriction, the pumps work harder and when the difference between the baseline and a dirty filter reach 10 pounds it's time to clean the filter. This pressure change can take weeks in a commercial pool or months in a low usage residential pool. There are a lot of factors to consider but the above is a general rule of thumb.

Summer is here and the water is lovely. But wait, there's more to it than this. With summer comes hot air, hot winds, more usage and of course water evaporation and water extraction when swimmers get out of the water or do the famous cannon ball. So we're asking you, the pool owner, to watch the water level and add water when the level goes below the half way mark on the waterline tiles. By doing this little "maintenance job" your skimmer will work better, the filter will work better and your swimming experience will be much more enjoyable. Thanks for the hand.

As mentioned above, summer will bring dry hot winds. With those winds comes debris, leaves and other things that plug up the skimmer and lint baskets. Help keep your pool equipment running smoothly, empty those baskets between our visits. Thanks.