

Hot Tub Maintenance Guide

Congratulations on your new hot tub purchase! Below are our recommendations for Interior and Exterior Maintenance. A few minutes of prevention on a regular basis can potentially save a costlier fix due to neglect down the road.

6-Step Hot Tub Start Up Instructions

- 1. Fill your hot tub with water. Once full, turn on breaker, turn on spa, and add entire bottle of Fresh Start.
- 2. Run hot tub for 24 hours, then rinse off filter cartridge(s) and place them back in the spa.
- 3. Insert the Mineral Stick on top of (or inside the filter cartridge.
- 4. Add Simple Spa. 1 ounce of per 100 gallons.
- 5. Add Chlorinating Concentrate. 1/2 Teaspoon per 100 gallons.
- 6. Bring in a water sample to Zagers to determine if any balancing chemicals are needed.

After Each Use

Add Chlorinating Concentrate 1/2 Teaspoon per 100 gallons. After adding, runthe spa with the cover off for 20 minutes. Following very heavy use, add 1 Tablespoon of Chlorinating Concentrate per 100 gallons.

Weekly

- 1. Test your water with a test strip. Add balancing chemicals as needed.
- 2. Add Enhanced Shock. 3 Tablespoons per 500 gallons. Turn jets on high and leave cover open for 20 minutes.
- 3. Add Simple Spa. 1 ounce of per 100 gallons.

Monthly:

- 1. Clean (or at least rinse) your filters depending on usage.
- 2. Have your water professionally tested.

Quarterly:

1. Thoroughly clean your filters (if you haven't already done so). Filters will get clogged with debris (dirt, oil from your skin, lotion, etc.) that requires a cleaner. You may experience an unpleasant filter odor or poor water circulation that prevents your hot tub from heating if this step is skipped.

The Simple Blue Filter Cleaner tabs are most popular and requires soaking the filter overnight. Another option is using a spray cleaner, such as Kleen It or SpaGuard Filter Cleaner; spray the filter, let it sit for 45 minutes, and then rinse with water. (Note: you can also soak your filters with the spray formula by using the ratio of cleaner and water stated on the bottle).

Pro tip: Purchase another set of filters so that you always have one set that you are using and another set thatis being cleaned and dried so that you never have to wait to use your hot tub.

2. Drain, Clean, and Refill – Drain out the old water, wipe down the interior of the hot tub with BioGuard Off the Wall, and refill with a hose. Follow the **6-Step Start Up Instructions** at the top of this page.



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Annually:

Once per year, pour in a bottle of Purge and let it sit for 12 hours in the tub prior to draining. This will loosen anygrime in the pipes and allow it to drain out.)

Exterior Maintenance

Do not forget about the outside and the spa cover! Covers protect your hot tub from the elements and help keep the water fresh and clean. Neglecting the cover is common, as owners are typically focused on the inside of the hot tub.

- Wipe down the top of the cover using 303 Aerospace Protectant (use this only on the top/outside of your cover) and a soft cloth so as not to scratch it.
- During these West Michigan winters, it is important to gently remove snow off the cover with a broom. (No shovels!)
- Avoid getting any cleaner used for vinyl in the water; it will impact the water chemistry and could potentially cause other issues.
- Let the cover fully air dry before reapplying to the tub.
- As the outside case or shell of most hot tubs is made of acrylic, they are simple to clean. Wiping down the shell with a damp cloth periodically will keep the tub exterior looking shiny and new.

Maintaining proper levels and being attentive to regular maintenance will make your hot tub water clear and comfortable, kill bacteria that multiply rapidly in a spa, protect surfaces from stains caused by metals, and protect your equipment from scale.

If you need help with your hot tub maintenance or would like to track down the chemicals mentioned in this guide, please contact your preferred Zagers location.