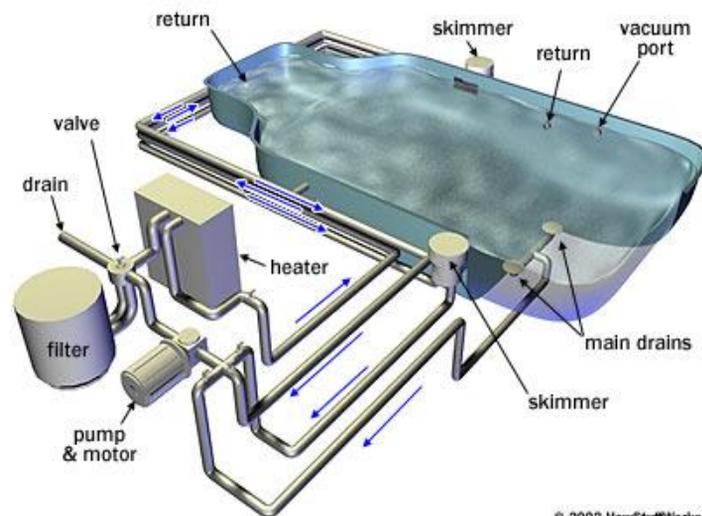


# Swimming Pool Maintenance

## Routine Maintenance Tips:

- ❑ Keep a net handy for scooping out large objects, like leaves and other debris.
- ❑ Have a pool vacuum and vacuum the pool either daily or weekly depending upon how much use the pool is getting and how much debris has fallen into the pool.
- ❑ Use a nylon brush or glove to clean the walls of the pool, usually weekly. In larger pools you may prefer to get one with a long handle which makes it easier to clean from outside the pool.
- ❑ Always have the chemicals you need to care for the pool and prevent algae build-up, ph balance, chlorine tablets, and the necessary materials to purify the water if it has become cloudy or odorous. **Keep these chemicals locked away, in a cool place, away from animals and children.**
- ❑ Keep the surrounding deck areas clean. Washing down the deck regularly can prevent a lot of unnecessary debris from entering the pool.
- ❑ You will cut down considerably on pool maintenance if you make sure there is a water hose or outdoor shower that swimmers can rinse off with before entering the pool.
- ❑ Sand and dirt on the bottoms of feet, as well as powders, lotions, and other body supplies, can create extra maintenance.
- ❑ Covering your pool with a tarp is a great way to cut down on maintenance by not allowing so much debris to get inside the pool.

- ❑ Check your Filtration System. Be sure to operate and maintain your filter according to manufacture's specifications including procedures to routinely clean and/or backwash it.
- ❑ Clean your skimmer/pump basket. You should empty out and clean these baskets frequently. Failure to remove collected debris often results in poor water circulation and inhibits maximum filtration efficiency.
- ❑ Use a leaf skimmer. Attach a leaf skimmer to your vacuum to gather up leaves, insects, and other floating debris and dirt on the surface of the water. Removing this debris before it reaches the filter or the bottom of the pool saves you time, increases filter efficiency, and prevents staining of the pool bottom.



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