Hot Tub Maintenance 101

**HOT TUB CARE & SPA MAINTENANCE TIPS**
You can ensure many years of enjoyment and relaxation from your Hot Tub / Spa with just a little bit of regular maintenance. Here are a few useful tips:

**CLEANING YOUR SPA**
**THE EASY WAY TO KEEP YOUR SPA SPARKLING**
To clean the spa shell, use a mild non-abrasive, soap free cleaner and a soft rag or nylon scrubber to remove dirt build-up. Common baking soda can also be used for minor surface cleaning. Also, the spa pillows can be removed and cleaned by following the instructions in your Owner's Manual. The hot tub vinyl cover is best cleaned and conditioned by following this step-by-step method: first, remove the cover and spray it lightly with a garden hose to loosen any dirt or debris that might have accumulated. Using a mild soap solution (1 teaspoon dish soap liquid with 2 gallons water) or baking soda, scrub the vinyl in a circular motion with a large sponge. Promptly rinse with a garden hose. Rinse the bottom of the cover (do not use soap), and wipe it clean with a dry rag. To condition the cover after cleaning, apply a thin film of good quality vinyl cleaner product to protect it from the environment.

**HELPFUL HINT**: Showering without soap prior to entering the spa, and using only the rinse cycle when laundering your bathing suit, will help avoid detergent and soap residue in the spa water.

**CLEAN YOUR SPA FILTER CARTRIDGES**
Cleaning your filter cartridges is simple. As with any water filtration system, your spa filter cartridges can become clogged with mineral particles or calcification from hard water, which may result in reduced water flow. We recommend that you clean your filter cartridges every month. Using a garden hose, spray each cartridge and rotate while spraying to thoroughly remove any debris lodged between the filter pleats. Use a Filter Cleaner to keep your filters clean and in good operating condition. Keep in mind that your filters should be replaced every three years with new filters.

**CHANGING YOUR HOT TUB SPA WATER**
**OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW**
Remember to drain your spa water and refill according to the instructions outlined in your Owner's Manual to eliminate detergent residue from bathing suits and soap film which may have accumulated in the spa water.

For fresh, clean water right from the start, we recommend using the a Pre-Filter when filling your spa. This filter attaches to an ordinary garden hose and removes organic contaminants, metals (such as copper and iron), and tannins before they are introduced into the spa water.

**HOW TO WINTERIZE YOUR SPA**
**WINTERIZING YOUR SPA**
Your Hot Tub / Spa has been designed for year-round use in any climate. Here are some steps you may want to take this time of year to ensure maximum energy efficiency.

If you live in an area which has freezing temperatures, you should purchase a Winter Blanket which for the cover. This provides an additional protection against falling objects that may puncture the cover causing damage that usually isn’t repairable. You can make sure your cover is at peak performance level. Check for signs of wear and tear – make sure the seal is still tight and intact so heat doesn't escape. If you see signs of sagging, fading or cracking, it's time for a replacement. Be sure to remove snow from the spa cover before large amounts accumulate. Condensation might occur around the cover locks which could create ice build up to remove, splash with warm water; don't try to pry the ice off.

If you are going away for a few days during the winter months, remember these tips:

Before you go, adjust the pH according to the Owner's Manual.
Sanitize the water with super chlorination or Chlorine-Free Oxidizer according to instructions.
Lock down the cover to prevent access.
Lock the light and jets feature on the control panel.
Upon your return, balance the pH and sanitize the water prior to using.
If you are planning to be away from home a week or longer, call your local spa tech for more tips on winterizing your spa, or refer to the Owner's Manual for additional instructions.

Sanitizer is extremely important for killing algae, bacteria and other unwanted impurities in your spa water. While it is important to maintain the sanitizer levels, you do not want too much, because it can irritate your skin, lungs and eyes.

**SPA WATER PRODUCTS**
**ACCESSORIES TO HELP MAINTAIN CLEAN, SPARKLING WATER**

Water is the essential ingredient in your spa, and it's important to keep it fresh, clean and ready to enjoy. We now offer natural chemistry sanitizing products that make your water care routine easier, and keep your spa water fresh and pristine. Try a natural chemistry product Spa Perfect.