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Pool Opening Checklist:

1. Remove all leaves, water and other debris from cover before removing the cover. When removing the water from the cover, brush the cover periodically. This should adequately clean the cover. If the water is clean, you may pump just the clean water back into the pool. In this case, do not brush the cover until you have stopped pumping the water into the pool. Lay the cover out to air dry. "Fan Fold" the cover and store in a dry area.
2. Remove all winterizing plugs from the pool suction lines and return lines.
3. Assemble all pump and filter pipes to respective fittings. Check the condition of the sand, cartridge or DE elements. Clean or replace if necessary.
4. Be sure the filter top is secure, the tank drain is closed and the filter valve is in the "Filter" position.
5. Hook up pump, filter and any other additional equipment you might have (heaters, etc.).
6. Re-attach any deck equipment you have such as ladders, diving boards, etc. Install all deck equipment including skimmer baskets and return directionals.
7. Bring the water level up to the normal level. The liner will shrink if the water level is left below its normal level too long.
8. Prime the pump with enough water to fill the suction line. Prime the chlorinator if it has a tube that connects to the pools suction line.
9. Start the pump. Check the plumbing for air or water leaks. Backwash the filter thoroughly. Add new DE, if you have a DE filter. If you find any problems, consult your owner's manual or contact a local pool service company.
10. Using Blue Wave Chemical Start up Kit, follow the Pool Care Guide (FREE with purchase of a Blue Wave Chemical Start up Kit!) directions to get your water in swimming condition! Shock the pool with any chlorine shock product. This is available in liquid or granular form. You want to add

enough to raise the chlorine level of the pool to at least 3.0 ppm. If you use granular shock, do not throw it directly into the pool or you could bleach and stain the liner. It is best to mix the granular shock chlorine in a bucket and then add that mixture into the skimmer while the system is running. If your pool water is relatively clear, accurately test your water for chlorine, PH and Alkalinity levels. If available, also test for Stabilizer. Adjust these chemicals to the proper levels. Add a high quality algaecide to the water. Do not go into pool until water is crystal clear and chlorine level is under 2.0 ppm. Add the appropriate opening chemicals. Test and adjust the pH and total alkalinity. Super-chlorinate and adjust the PH & Alkalinity levels of the water. Treat the water with an algaecide. After several hours of operation, test the chlorine level and adjust it as needed. If the chlorine level is high, do not use the pool until it drops to normal levels.

11. Balance the water chemistry and check the levels frequently during the first few days (until they stabilize).
12. Run the pump & filter system 24 hours until the water has cleared completely. This will be approximately 3 days. Depending on how dirty the pool became over the winter, the filter must be backwashed frequently during this period.
13. Remove any debris out of the bottom using an automatic pool cleaner or your vacuum.
14. Clean Liner using Blue Wave's "Tile & Vinyl Cleaner."
15. Clean Filter using Blue Wave's "Filter Clean."