

MY POOL GUY

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Take Advantage of Auto-Schedule

With all the important things going on in our lives, it's easy to forget about filter cleans.

We can help.

Just call our office and ask Krystal to put you on a regular six month schedule.

You can cancel anytime and we will notify you each time before we come out so there are no unexpected charges.

You can choose to do just filter cleans (\$125.00) or filter clean plus system checkup (\$200.00).

This helps to insure that your pool is ready for the upcoming season and your spa is ready when you are ready to use it.

If you are a referral from another pool company, please call them for filter cleans and any other services they provide.

We do not want to compete with our friends who send so much business our way.

SHOWROOM HOURS

We are in the office 7:30 - noon Monday - Thursday. In the afternoons and on Fridays, we all work remotely.

If you need to come by at a different time, please call and we can set an appointment.

Time for Seasonal Maintenance

The weather will soon be turning cooler. Is your pool prepared?

It is important to be sure your equipment maintenance is up to date. A small leak or a clogged filter can become a big issue when the weather suddenly turns cooler.

Cooler weather is also spa weather. If it has been several months since you last used your spa, there is a chance that a sensor or actuator may have failed and it will keep it from working when you want it.

Our Fall seasonal maintenance will clean the filter and test run the spa and check out other key components. A stitch in time saves nine, as they say.

FILTER CLEAN - \$125.00

We clean the filter THOROUGHLY - we completely disassemble the filter and wash down each component separately (not together). We wash down the tank, lubricate the o-rings and put it back together.

On cartridge filters, we use a special booster pump to give us added pressure and flow because a garden hose just does not cut it.

SYSTEM CHECKUP - \$75.00

Fire up the spa and run it for 10 minutes to check the operation of the heater, valves, actuators, and temp settings. There are a lot of little safety sensors inside the heater that can fail without notice.

Check out the freeze protection and activate it. Test the GFCI and lights.

Reset timers and pump speeds for fall and winter hours. This minor adjustment will save you considerably on our electric bill.

Perform a 16 point inspection of the pool to alert you to any other needed repairs

PLANNING TO USE YOUR SPA?

If you are planning to use your spa, it is a really good idea to go out and turn it on and run it a few days ahead of time.

This way, if there are any issues, you can call us to come out and handle it for you. There are a lot of little parts in the heater as well as actuators and temp sensors that can fail when you are not looking.

Inside This Newsletter

Important Fall tips for your pool

Which poolsweep booster pump is best for me?

The new IntelliConnect

Putting shade on your pool

Ready to Remodel?

With swim season now over, it is a great time to think about doing that pool remodeling project.

Here are the steps that are involved in remodeling your pool.

1. We meet you at your home to consult with you and take measurements and pictures.
2. We send you a detailed proposal for the work you have requested.
3. Steve will meet you at our showroom to select materials.

Steve Brechbiel handles all our pool remodeling projects from start to finish so there is no disconnect in the process.

He makes regular visits onsite to inspect the work and is there during the key events such as plastering and deck pours.

Ready to go? Don't hesitate to call or text at 469-651-9449.

What changes in the winter?

Salt System

A saltwater chlorination system will not typically produce any chlorine during the really cold weather (when water temps are below 50 degrees). This is because the water is not conductive enough to allow the electrical current to jump across the cell plates.

If you have a salt system, we strongly recommend that you purchase a salt test meter on Amazon rather than relying on the reading on the system.

During these cold months (typically December - February) you should turn the salt system off and chlorinate with other means. You can use a floating chlorinator or just shock the pool lightly 1-2 times per week.

Robotic (Dolphin) Cleaner

We recommend pulling it out of the pool when the water temp gets below 55 degrees. You can store it in the garage and then drop it in the pool as needed, but store it out of the water when you are through.

We recommend this because the motor is encased in oil which gets really thick when the unit gets cold. This puts a LOT of stress on the motor when it tries to start up and will eventually shorten its life. If you store it in the garage, it will make it a lot easier for the motor to start up and will help to extend the life of the motor.

Proper pH

The proper pH of your pool water changes with the water temperature. This is calculated by the Langelier Index.

Here is the bottom line:

During the summer (when the water is in the 90's) a pH of 7.2 - 7.4 is ideal.

During the depth of winter (when the water is in the 50's) a pH of 7.6 - 7.8 is ideal.

The pH will naturally creep up in the winter, so you can allow it to do so without fear of creating scale on your plaster.

The New IntelliConnect is Available

Pentair has released a new version of the IntelliConnect. This new version addresses the connectivity issues that it had with the original units. It has an antenna on the side that can be relocated if needed using a cable.

The IntelliConnect is designed for pools without spas. It has two relays in it so you can control the main pump plus one other item. It will control Pentair color lights also.

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If you have an IntelliFlo variable speed pump, then you can control the pump plus two other circuits.

The IntelliConnect connects to your phone via the Pentair Home app.

It does not have an ambient air temperature sensor, but gets outside temp data from the National Weather Service to activate freeze protection as needed.

The installed price on this unit is \$895.00 which is just a little more than dual timeclocks.



PoolswEEP Booster Pumps

PoolswEEP booster pumps are not all equal, and the older ones with more basic designs are really a better choice for their durability and ease of repair.

Pentair LA01N Booster Pump



This is our preferred poolswEEP booster pump. We like the fact that it has a good track record and its simple design makes for easier repairs.

Cost: \$695.00 Installed

Pentair HydroBoost Booster Pump



This is Pentair's high efficiency poolswEEP booster pump. It has replaced the BoostRite pump. Its a good pump but we prefer the simplicity of the LA01N (fewer impellers)

Cost: \$725.00 Installed

Polaris PB4-60 Booster Pump



This is Polaris' standard poolswEEP booster pump. Our major gripe is that during the 2021 freeze, every one of these impellers broke off, which did not happen on other brands.

Cost: \$715.00.00 Installed

Polaris PB4SQ Booster Pump



This is Polaris' high efficiency booster pump. The big problem here is that we have seen too many of the front housings crack right down the center which rules it out for us.

Cost: \$735.00 Installed

How to get the most life out of your poolswEEP booster pump

PoolswEEP booster pumps typically have the shortest lifespan of any major piece of pool equipment.

This pump is "flooded suction" meaning that it is not self priming. It needs to have water fed from the main pump. If the main pump loses prime or if the valves are set to spa returns only , it will quickly boil the water inside the pump and damage the impeller and seal.

If you notice a leak under the booster pump, stop using it and call us ASAP. If water goes up the shaft of the pump into the motor, it will take out the bearings and require a pump replacement. The cost of a motor replacement is 2/3 of the cost of a new booster pump, and almost the same if you include a new pump hose kit.

For more information on pumps, please check out our website at www.mypoolguy.com. Click on the links under "pool equipment".

Wishing for some shade?

It is great having a pool but its no fun if its too hot to swim

When it is 108 degrees outside, it is a bit hard to enjoy your pool with the family.

We have worked with Anchor Industries with pool covers, but they offer so much more.

Funbrellas

You may have seen their Funbrellas at water parks. These can be ordered in either a 12' or 20' diameter. It has a 4-5" pole at the center and the units are designed to handle the elements.



PerfectShade

These are shade structures that can be installed on a concrete pad or piers to give the benefit of a pergola without the expense and mess of traditional pergola installation.

They are rated for up to 115 mph short wind gusts. In addition, you can take this with you to your next home.

Shade Sails

We have had several customers ask about this. We are currently looking for a quality line of shade sails that we can offer.

Other Items

You can look at the website at anchorinc.com for a lot of other great ideas from the simple to the sublime. If any of these are beyond our capacities, we will bring in another qualified contractor to assist with the installation.

Previous Newsletters

We receive a lot of positive comments each month about our newsletter (which is why I spend several hours every month writing each one personally).

You can read all our past issues on our website at www.mypoolguy.com/newsletters.

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We try to provide a lot of helpful information each month rather than just making it a marketing piece.

