

Don't Take Risks If Going Poolside

The secret of reaping the many rewards of home swimming pool ownership is planning ahead to meet its responsibilities and avoid any so-called risks.

The rewards, of course, are the reasons why a family takes the plunge into building a home pool in the first place:

Get more healthful sunlight and exercise under more comfortable conditions;

Make every day a holiday at home, without having to fight traffic on clogged highways for the sake of a few hours on a crowded hilltop, at a beach or in a lake;

Acquire a new outdoor entertainment center for the tots, teens, younger marrieds, older marrieds, and their friends—with all the lights, music, action and cameras anyone could ever want;

Add an improvement that increases the value of the old homestead, if resale should ever become a problem;

Yes, ticking off the rewards of home pool ownership could go on, and on, and on.

BUT ARE there any pitfalls, any potential risks involved in this venture into paradise? If there are—and there need not be—the way to avoid them is to set up a program for meeting the responsibilities of pool ownership. For example:

It seems that everyone who uses a home pool (and it seems that everyone does!) holds the owner alone responsible for the clarity, cleanliness and comfort of the water.

This means that a pool owner must qualify quickly as his own "Chief Sanitation Officer."

Fortunately, a "CSO rating" can be obtained from dealers who supply pool care chemicals such as the Pennswim products.

HOW TO USE this complete line of water treatment aids is explained in "The ABC's of Pool Care," a 24-page instruction manual published by Pennsalt Chemicals Corporation of Philadelphia. Pennswim chemical dealers have it.

The manual gives three simple ABC rules for keeping pool water pure and pleasant.

Using standard testing kits and samples of pool water, the rules call for:

- A. Adjusting the acid-alkaline balance (technically, the pH level) to the recommended level and keeping it there;
- B. Boosting the chlorine level, and
- C. Checking the residual chlorine.

This simple plan allows the owner to meet the responsibilities he has acquired with regard to "clear, clean and comfortable" water.

Comfort, in this sense, doesn't mean temperature. It means freedom from eye and mucous membrane irritation, skin discomfort and bleaching.

ALTHOUGH THE eight-product Pennswim line is the most complete furnished by a single pool-care chemicals supplier, a few are of primary importance. They are:

AQUET, which is sprinkled on the pool surface to change an acid condition to slightly alkaline acceptability;

PERCLORON, a granular chlorine product that kills bacteria fast and prevents formation of unsightly microscopic plant colonies of algae; and

CLOR-Tabs, a compressed chlorine in tablet form, used in submerged, unbreakable plastic baskets.

Thus, a quick course in the use of pool care chemicals takes care

The Easy Way

When building a new home or remodeling your present one, careful consideration should be given to the location of lawn faucets.

Installed around your house, garage and yard, they will provide ample amounts of water when and where needed without making it necessary to unroll and drag several lengths of hose through hedges and flower beds.

of the owner's No. 1 problem, and lets him concentrate on others.

FOR THESE, preliminary investigation is the course to pursue. And here's why:

Some city, county and town ordinances require all privately-owned pools to be fenced; they may even prescribe or proscribe dimensions and strengths.

Better post rules setting "closed" times and safety regulations, and see that they are read and observed.

Better go over your insurance policies with your friendly agent, too. What's the full extent of your liability in the event of accident, and are you sufficiently protected?

Meeting responsibilities in advance can do much to rule out the possibility that the pool could ever be held to be an "attractive nuisance." You want to avoid this—so plan ahead.



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