Don't Take Risks If Going Poolsidw

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 beautiful 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, spouses, pets, handsand and their friends—with all the slight, remote, action and romance anyone could ever want.
- Add an improvement that increases the value of the old home, instead of reducing the value of the old home—instead, if needs be—would ever become a problem.

Yes, sticking off the rewards of having pool ownership could go, 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—they way to avoid them is to act upon a program for meeting the responsibilities of pool ownership. For example:

- Means that everyone who uses a home pool (and it means that everyone does!) holds the owner alone responsible for the clarity, cleanliness and comfort of the water.
- 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 Pennwalt products.

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

The manual gives three simple ARC rules for keeping pool water pure and pleasant:

A. Adjusting the acid-alkaline balance (chemically, the pH level) to the recommended level and keeping it there.

B. Maintaining the chloride level.

C. Checking the residual chlorine.

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

Confort, in this sense, doesn't mean temperature. It means freedom from eyesore mucous membrane irritation, skin discomfort and blistering.

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

AQUED, which is spirulized on the pool surface to change an acid condition to slightly alkaline acceptable conditions.

FIBROXON, a granular chlorine product that kills bacteria fast and prevents formation of unsightly microscopic plant colonies of algae, etc.

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

FOR THOSE preliminary investigations 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 prohibitive 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—at all costs.

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