

# **BlueNews**

## Fall 2017

## **Managing Fall Foliage**

### Helpful tips for fall pool care

Fall brings colorful leaves and beautiful views to many areas of the country. Keeping your pool clean when all those leaves start dropping can be challenging! Decaying leaves can stain pool surfaces and release phosphates for algae to consume. Here are some suggestions to make fall pool care a little easier.

#### **Cleaning Leaves from the Bottom of the Pool**

- 1. Install an inline leaf canister on your pool vacuum. For simple manual vacuums that suck leaves and other debris into the pump's tiny filter basket or the pool skimmer basket, installing a leaf canister on the vacuum hose can save time and labor.
- 2. Use a dedicated leaf vacuum. Most leaf vacuums use water pressure from a standard garden hose to push leaves into a large net.

#### **Preparing and Covering the Pool**

1. Winterize your pool with PristineBlue<sup>®</sup>. Fall winds sometimes push leaves and other debris under pool covers. PristineBlue will kill algae before it can take advantage of the situation. A winterizing video with step-by-step instructions is available at pristineblue.com/winterizing.



- 2. If you don't already have a security cover, consider getting one. They look a bit like trampolines, with spring-loaded straps to hold them tight. There are two types of security covers. Mesh security covers allow water to pass through; solid vinyl security covers do not. A solid cover may require a small pool cover pump to remove accumulated water, but it will keep your pool cleaner than a mesh cover.
- 3. If you have a cover, inspect it carefully before installing it. Patches are usually available for small tears and holes.
- 4. Install a leaf net. This is a mesh net that can stand alone or atop your regular cover. It can easily be folded over to remove

### **Spas & Hot Tubs**

### **Getting Started for the Season**



Spa season is just around the corner! If you're not using PristineBlue in your spa or hot tub, ask your dealer about our Spa Kit. The kit contains everything you need to convert to PristineBlue. Just keep a few things in mind for a trouble-free experience.

Remember to start with fresh water. Recommended spa and hot tub maintenance includes draining and refilling every three months. This prevents buildup of chemicals and other dissolved solids in the water.

PristineMist<sup>®</sup> is a protectant and odor preventive for spa and hot tub covers. It works best when sprayed on the underside of the cover and left to dry. Wiping the cover after spraying it is not necessary.

For step-by-step instructions and more helpful information about start-up, visit pristineblue.com/start-up. For an easy, two-week maintenance schedule, visit pristineblue.com/maintenance.

### **Spa & Hot Tub Safety Tips**

#### Keep your spa or hot tub fun & safe!

Follow a few simple safety tips to help ensure a safe and worry-free season for everyone.

- 1. <u>Stay Hydrated</u>: Hydration is key. Hot tubs cause us to sweat, so our bodies lose water. All bathers, especially children, should drink fresh water while soaking.
- 2. Not for Infants or Toddlers: Infants and toddlers should not be permitted in a hot tub at all. Their thinner skin makes them more susceptible to rapid overheating.
- 3. <u>Supervise Children</u>: Children should always be supervised by at least one responsible adult. Keep a locked cover on your spa or hot tub when it is not in use to prevent children from climbing in unnoticed.
- 4. <u>Consult Your Doctor</u>: Persons with heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, or any other serious illness should not enter a spa without first consulting with a physician.
- 5. <u>Set a Timer</u>: 15–20 minutes is generally considered a safe soaking time for healthy adults.

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