



Patriotic Pool Party Ideas

Celebrate Independence Day with a red, white and PristineBlue® pool party! Here are four of our favorite ideas for your Independence Day bash:

- 1. Beach Ball Garland:** Deck out your pool with a garland of flag-themed beach balls.
- 2. Firework Fruit Kabobs:** Thread blueberries and marshmallows onto the kabobs, then top them off with watermelon stars. Use a star-shaped cookie cutter to cut out the watermelon shapes.
- 3. Red, White and Cool:** Keep drinks cool with frozen red, white and blue water balloons. Fill the balloons about halfway and freeze them before putting them in the cooler.
- 4. Patriotic Pool Noodle Joust:** Stage a mock naval battle with pool noodles. The object for each player or team is to knock the other off their float using pool noodles.

Make sure to shock the pool with PristineExtra® after the party. This will oxidize residues from sunscreen and other personal care products. Keep your water clear and sparkling after any party or high bather load with PristineExtra. *Have a happy 4th of July!*

SUMMER WATER-SAVING TIPS

Reducing the amount of water that you use can make a big difference for the environment and save money. Follow these tips and keep more water where it belongs – in the pool!

- 1. Cover the pool.** A solar cover will reduce water loss from evaporation.
- 2. Keep it cool.** If you have a heater, turn it down or off. Warm water evaporates more quickly than cool water.
- 3. Check for leaks.** Inspect areas around the pool and equipment for signs of leaks such as damp soil. If you don't find visible signs, use the bucket test.
 - a. Fill a bucket to 1 inch from the top.
 - b. Place the bucket on the first or second step of the pool.
 - c. Mark the water level on the inside and outside of the bucket with a permanent marker.
 - d. Wait 24 hours, then mark the new levels.
 - e. If the level in the pool drops much lower than the level in the bucket, you may have a leak.
- 4. Backwash less often.** Backwash your sand or DE filter only when indicated by the pressure gauge. A reading of 8–10 psi above the starting pressure usually indicates it's time to backwash. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for your filter.

Maintain proper chemical levels to avoid dilution. A PristineBlue level above .9 ppm may require dilution and/or the addition of PristineClean®. Check your PristineBlue level with the Mini-Test Kit during your two-week maintenance routine.

The easy PristineBlue two-week maintenance schedule is available on our website at pristineblue.com/maintenance. Need a Mini-Test Kit? If your local PristineBlue Dealer doesn't carry them, contact Customer Service. We're happy to help. Have a great 4th of July!



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Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. CST

How to Identify Pool Stains with a Pair of Old Socks



Getting rid of stubborn stains in your pool takes a little know-how and a pair of old socks (without holes). The socks will help to identify the stain. Here's how it works:

Mineral Stains

1. Take one sock and put ½ to 1 cup of pHDown or sodium bisulfate in it. You can find sodium bisulfate at your local PristineBlue dealer.
2. Place the sock on the stain for 3 to 4 minutes. Use an extension pole to hold the sock in place if the stain is in a hard-to-reach area.

If the stain has lightened or changed color where the sock was placed, it is a mineral stain. Make sure your water is balanced, then add 3 ounces of PristineClean® per 1000 gallons of water. Filter for 48 hours. A second application of PristineClean may be necessary after 48 hours. Rebalance the water after the stain has been removed.

Organic Stains

If the stain has not lightened after the first sock test, follow these steps:

1. Take the second sock and put ½ to 1 cup of PristineExtra in it.
2. Place the sock on the stain for 3 to 4 minutes. Use an extension pole to hold the sock in place if the stain is in a hard-to-reach area.

If the stain lightens or changes color, it is organic. Balance the water. Lower the pH to 7.2, then shock with 1 lbs. PristineExtra per 10,000 gallons. Do this daily until the stain disappears. Run the filter continuously and backwash daily. Stay out of the pool until the chlorine level falls below 3 parts per million.

Oh, and throw away that old pair of socks when you're finished.