

Get in the swim with proper pool care

Few homeowners know as much as they should about maintaining their swimming pools. Yet, proper care can greatly reduce threat of serious operational problems; in addition to time and money for major repairs.

For that reason Johns-Manville, a leading producer of swimming pool filter aids, provides the following checklist for those getting ready to open their pools for the swimming season.

- After removing protective winter covers from pool and equipment, sweep inside and surrounding areas clean of debris and dirt (if pool was drained). Then inspect exposed surfaces (walls, floor) for cracking. Also note if painting is needed.

- Examine all valves, controls and pipes for deterioration. If repair is not required, fill pool.

- Recheck valves, controls and pipes for leakage. Dried packings and gaskets on these devices may cause minor seepage that will stop as they absorb water and expand. If major leakage occurs, turn off water and call for professional help.

- While pool is still filling, check filtration equipment for operational readiness. Before filter start-up, follow manufacturer's recommendations for oiling and cleaning.

- Start up filter as prescribed by manufacturer. In doing so, Johns-Man-

ville emphasizes the need for "precoating."

Most home and commercial pool filters (the diatomite or diatomaceous type) call for proper precoating with a filter aid capable of removing impurities of extremely small particle size. (Precoating is performed by circulating a mixture of diatomite and water into the filter to provide a 1/16-inch thick coating on the element). This will help assure clean, clear water, as well as efficient filtration.

- The diatomite filter aid should also be placed into the filter's body-feed apparatus. Not all pool filters have a body feed. In those that do, the device adds small amounts of diatomite during filtration to separate debris and prevent it from clogging the precoat layer.

- As pool continues to fill, the water may take on a cloudy appearance — though it's perfectly fit for drinking; toward end of the first 24-hour filtration cycle it will begin to sparkle. Subsequently, the filter should be run so water is completely filtered every 18 to 24 hours.

- Finally, chlorination and addition of other chemicals to the water should be accomplished before the pool is used.

The pool is now fit for swimming, but maintenance shouldn't stop here.

Johns-Manville recommends frequent cleaning (every three to 10 days), water skimming and vac-

uuming — all help insure efficient filter operation and clean water.

And careful control of algae by chemical treatment will help cut operating expenses by reducing filter load, as well as keeping algae in check.

Of final importance, J-M notes that diatomite filter aids are not expensive, and that the cost of proper filtration will be small compared with the benefits of swimming in crisp, inviting water.

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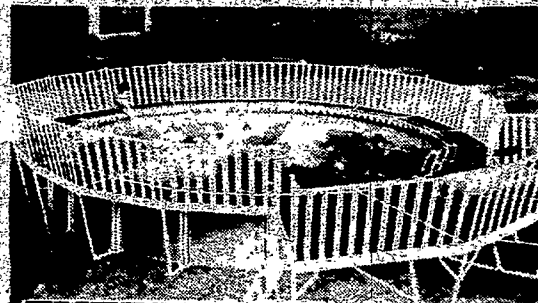
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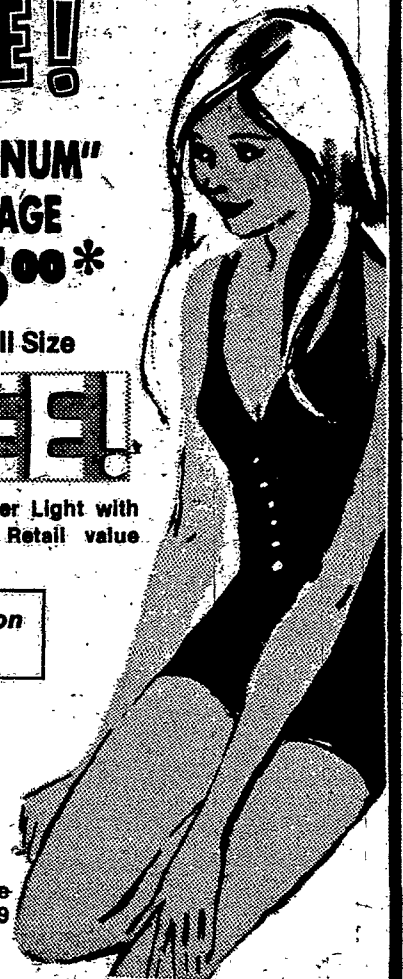
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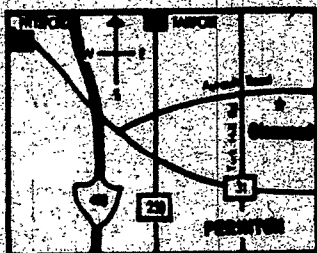
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