



## Chlorine Hot Tub Guide

### STARTUP AND REFILLING

#### Day One

Before turning on the power, locate the filter compartment and remove the filter. If you have a hollow standpipe, you can place your hose inside the standpipe and turn on the water; otherwise, leave the hose in the compartment. This step is essential to push air out of the pump to prevent air locks. You can watch my [YouTube video](#) for help if you get an airlock.

Once the tub is powered on, check your water balance with a test strip. Make sure your is pH (7.2-7.8), Alkalinity (80-120), and water hardness (150-250) are in the proper range and adjust accordingly. If you have a Frog Mineral Stick, insert it into the Filter Compartment. Any brand of Mineral Stick will also work.

Add One Tablespoon of Granular Spa Chlorine for Small tubs and two for larger Tubs. You are ready for a Soak when all levels on your test strip are in range.

#### After Each Use

Add one teaspoon of Granular Spa Chlorine per person after each use.  
Add one tablespoon of chlorine if the spa has not been used for more than 5 days.

#### Weekly

Check your filters for debris and discoloration. If dirty, rinse them in your laundry sink with our garden hose. You can also use a filter spray cleaner if the filter does not come clean from rinsing. [I have a video all about filter care.](#)

Use a Spa Oxidizing Shock Once or Twice a week (to eliminate soaps/oils), depending on your usage. Soaps and oils will cause cloudy and foamy water. I recommend and use it myself. Natural Chemistry's Spa Perfect is a more effective alternative to the oxidizing shock.

A Stain and scale Product is recommended to prevent calcium build-up, especially if your water is high in minerals.

Check your Alkalinity, pH, and chlorine by testing your strips. Adjust accordingly if you want to be in the 'Ideal' range.



## **Monthly**

If you have a Vinyl type cover. Use a Spa Cover vinyl cleaner and protector on the spa cover. Fabric Covers do not require any maintenance.

## **Every Four Months**

Replace the Spa Frog Mineral Cartridge

Drain and refill the spa.

Before you drain your hot tub, I recommend a jet line cleaner for healthier plumbing to remove any biofilm buildup. At the end of this post, you will see all of my maintenance and chemical recommendations.

Thoroughly clean and soak the filters using a filter-soaking product. I generally prefer filter cleaners that are long soaks vs. quick rinse solutions. Rinse thoroughly and let them air dry before returning them to the hot tub. For my cleaner picks, scroll or click to the end.