

EXPERT TIPS FOR HOMEOWNERS



HELPING YOU PROTECT YOUR POOL BETWEEN SERVICE VISITS

At Island Time Pool Service, we handle the technical details of maintaining your pool. However, there are several simple steps homeowners can take to help keep their pool looking its best and operating efficiently throughout the year.

*Knowledge leads to better care
and a better pool experience.*



THE ISLAND TIME ADVANTAGE

We believe an informed homeowner is an empowered homeowner. This guide explains the key equipment that keeps your pool clean, safe, and enjoyable—especially in Arizona's demanding climate. If you ever have questions, we're here to help!



POOL AREA CARE

- ✓ **Keep Decks and Patios Clean**
Regularly sweep leaves, dust, and debris from the pool deck. Wind-blown debris often finds its way into the water and can increase cleaning demands.
- ✓ **Trim Landscape Away from the Pool**
Trees, shrubs, and flowering plants add beauty to your backyard but can contribute leaves, pollen, and organic debris. Proper trimming helps reduce maintenance and keep water cleaner.
- ✓ **Secure Outdoor Furniture During Windy Conditions**
Arizona dust storms and monsoon winds can quickly introduce debris into your pool and surrounding area. Secure lightweight furniture, umbrellas, and decorative items when high winds are expected.



WATER LEVEL MONITORING

- ✓ **Check Water Level Weekly**
Your pool water level should generally remain around the midpoint of the skimmer opening.
- ✓ **Watch for Excessive Water Loss**
Arizona heat creates evaporation, but significant water loss may indicate a leak. Notify us if you notice unusual changes in water level.



ARIZONA HOMEOWNER TIP

During summer months, pools can lose several inches of water each week through evaporation. Regularly monitoring water levels helps protect pumps and circulation equipment from unnecessary wear.



AFTER STORMS

- ✓ **Remove Large Debris Promptly**
After monsoon storms, remove branches, leaves, and other large debris from the pool and water surface as soon as possible to help maintain proper circulation and water quality.
- ✓ **Check Equipment Area**
Inspect around your equipment pad for flooding, standing water, or storm-related damage.



POOL SAFETY

- ✓ **Keep Gates and Barriers Secure**
Regularly inspect gates, self-closing latches, and fencing to help maintain a safe pool environment.
- ✓ **Store Chemicals Properly**
Keep pool chemicals in a cool, dry location and out of reach of children and pets.



PUMP

The Heart of the System

- Circulates water through your pool and equipment.
- Variable speed pumps save energy and run quieter.
- Keeps water moving for effective filtration and sanitation.

WHY IT MATTERS

A well-functioning pump ensures proper water circulation, cleaner water, and lower energy bills.



FILTER

The Cleaner

- Traps dirt, debris, oils, and particles.
- Cartridge, sand, and diatomaceous earth (DE) options available.
- Requires regular cleaning to work properly.

WHY IT MATTERS

A clean filter is essential for crystal-clear water and prevents strain on other equipment.



HEATER

The Comfort Maker

- Raises water temperature to your desired level.
- Gas heaters are most common in Arizona.
- Should be sized properly for efficiency.

WHY IT MATTERS

A properly working heater means you can enjoy your pool year-round, even on cooler desert nights.



SANITIZER

The Protector

- (SALT SYSTEM OR CHLORINATOR)
- Kills bacteria and prevents algae growth.
- Salt systems convert salt into chlorine.
- Requires balanced water chemistry to be effective.

WHY IT MATTERS

Keeps your water safe, healthy, and sparkling while protecting your investment.



AUTOMATION

The Brain

- Controls pumps, lights, heaters, and more.
- Allows you to manage your pool from a smartphone or panel.
- Improves convenience and energy efficiency.

WHY IT MATTERS

Automation makes pool ownership easier and helps optimize equipment performance.



LIGHTING

Sets the Mood & Safety

- LED lights are energy efficient and long-lasting.
- Enhances beauty, safety, and nighttime swimming.
- Color-changing options available.

WHY IT MATTERS

Proper lighting adds ambiance, extends usability, and improves safety at night.

YOUR POOL EQUIPMENT EXPLAINED



SIGNS YOUR EQUIPMENT MAY NEED ATTENTION

- Unusual noises
- Longer run times
- Cloudy or dirty water
- Higher energy bills
- Visible leaks
- Inconsistent water temperature

Addressing small issues early can prevent costly repairs.



ARIZONA CLIMATE CONSIDERATIONS

- ➔ Extreme heat, dust, and hard water put extra stress on your equipment.
- ➔ Regular maintenance is key to preventing premature wear and mineral buildup.
- ➔ Proper shading, ventilation, and equipment pad cleanliness improve efficiency and longevity.

Desert conditions are tough on equipment—we help keep yours running strong.



TIPS FOR LONGER EQUIPMENT LIFE

- ✓ Schedule routine inspections
- ✓ Keep water balanced year-round
- ✓ Clean filters regularly
- ✓ Address leaks quickly
- ✓ Use equipment as recommended
- ✓ Trust licensed professionals

Consistent care today saves time, money, and stress tomorrow.



WHEN TO CONTACT ISLAND TIME

Contact our office if you notice:

Water level dropping unusually fast

Equipment making new or unusual noises

Water becoming cloudy or discolored

Leaks around equipment

Error messages on automation systems

Reduced water circulation

Broken lids, valves, or plumbing



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