

# Pool Care Mistakes

A swimming pool can be a selling point for a home, but proper care is key. **If you have a pool, avoid these costly – and dangerous – pool care mistakes.**



## Using the wrong chemicals

Mixing the wrong chemical balance can cause eye and skin irritation and deteriorate the materials in the pool. Owners should take a sample of their pool water to a local pool store for an analysis to determine which chemicals need adjusting.

## Failing to clean the filters

Pool owners should clean the filter once a month. Some experts recommend having two filters so the pool never goes without a clean one.



## Only servicing the pool when it's hot

A pool will likely need year-round service. Have a professional come do a check-up, in the spring for example, to inspect the pool for pipe damage and tears in the pool liner to ensure there was no damage from the colder winter months.

## Not putting up a fence

Fences around a pool can be important to keep animals and children out of the water. Fence requirements vary by area. Many local governments require a 4-foot fence around the pool.