

Maintenance Chemicals I use

IF SHOCKING: CONSULT POOL SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONS						
	Cost x 1	How to put in pool; ALWAYS ADD CHEMICALS WITH PUMP RUNNING	Interim time to wait so other chems don't interact/react	How long to wait before swimming?	What do I do if I add too much?	Storage
99.5% pure Salt (blue Diamond Crystal bags; crystals are better dissolving than pellets; must not have rust inhibitor or additives)	\$5/40 lbs	Turn off SWG when adding salt & leave turned off for 24 hrs; pour in anywhere, use brush to spread it; wait 15 min; brush again	N/A	no wait	drain water from pool	Indoors preferably but garage ok
6% Unscented plain ole Clorox Bleach (to add chlorine)	\$2/96 oz	Pour over return jet; 1 jug should take 2 minutes to pour	30 min before MA; no waiting on anything else		it will evaporate w/the sun	Indoors at room temp (max: 6 months) (degrades over time & in heat)
Muriatic Acid (to lower pH or TA)	\$4.50/gallon	Pour slowly over return jet in little stream width of a pencil; should wear eye protection & gloves	Once it's in the water MA does not hurt anything	30 min		Indoors at room temp (avoid heat or freeze)
Cyanuric acid (aka stabilizer) (to raise CYA)		Put in skimmer sock or pantyhose over return jet; can take 1 week to fully dissolve; <b>do not backwash nor clean the filter for 1 week after adding stabilizer</b>	Does not interact with MA or Bleach; ok to add with either of those	no wait	drain water from pool	Indoors preferably but garage ok
Calcium chloride (to raise calcium)	\$9/6 lbs	Spread across surface of deep end of pool			drain water from pool	Indoors preferably but garage ok; must be tightly closed - if exposed will absorb water
DE (for the 60 s.f. DE filter)		10 (3/4 lb) scoops in skimmer	N/A			Indoors preferably but garage ok
Baking Soda (to raise TA)		May want to add in small adjustments to not affect pH but don't have to; spread across surface of deep end of pool				
FOR SALT & STABILIZER LEAVE PUMP RUNNING FOR 24 HRS AFTER ADDING; ALL OTHER CHEMS LISTED LEAVE PUMP RUNNING AT LEAST 1 HR AFTER ADDING						
Optional						
Borax (main purposes are to raise pH & raise borates; it raises pH without upsetting other water balance measurements; also it prevents algae, reduces chlorine usage, improves water feel & appearance); animals that drink pool water may have some problems when using borates	20 Mule Team Borax @ WM (complicated) - or - try Haviland's Salt Support or its generic if you can find it	TA & ph must be in balance prior to adding; see instructions on website			drain water from pool	drain water from pool
Polyquat (Algaecide 60) - algae preventative, not inhibitor						
Clarifier						
Metal Free (PSS talked me into purchasing & I have 3 btls left but I don't think I need it now....)						