

Backyard Safeguards

PROACTIVE, REACTIVE METHODS WILL HELP TO AVOID HARM DURING POOL AND SPA MAINTENANCE.



Accidents do happen. Use caution and be proactive when maintaining your backyard pool.

These chemicals can also be chemically reactive with such other chemicals used in pool and spa water treatment as algacides, conditioners (stabilizers), clarifiers and cleaners. Mixing these products with each other or with other materials could potentially result in fire, explosion, toxic fumes, serious personal injury or death.

Always add chemicals to large quantities of water; never add water to chemicals, and do not remove them from their original containers before use. Store chemicals in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area beneath cover. Do not store these chemicals at temperatures exceeding 95 F. Storage at or above 95 degrees will significantly shorten the chemical's shelf life and may result in rapid decomposition, evolution of toxic fumes and heat sufficient to cause a fire. Always keep all chemicals away from children and pets.

When it's time to add chemicals to the pool, remember to wear appropriate protective equipment. In the normal handling of pool and spa chemicals, wear goggles or a face shield, protective clothing and rubber gloves. The chemicals can cause irreversible eye and skin damage and may be harmful or fatal if swallowed, absorbed through the skin or inhaled. Do not get them in your eyes, on skin or on clothing. Be sure to wash your hands thoroughly after handling all pool and spa chemicals and be careful not to breathe fumes, dust or spray mists, since

THE OLD ADAGE "ACCIDENTS HAPPEN" PREVENTS OUR FOLLIES FROM OVERWHELMING US IN OUR DAILY LIVES. But surprising to some, the expression can also be applicable to a place where fun and relaxation are commonplace: your backyard oasis. When it comes to maintaining your backyard haven, just as it is when you handle any household chemical products, remember to use caution. Being proactive by learning to avoid dangerous situations is your

best defense, but just in case of an accident, knowing how to react quickly is key.

Many homeowners are eager to keep their pools in shining condition. But before beginning any maintenance, be sure to read and follow the instructions contained in the precautionary statements, chemical hazard warnings and first aid statements on all packaging and chemical equipment. Paying

close attention to precautionary statements and chemical hazards is key. Never mix different pool or spa chemicals and do not use any product in a container or dispensing device that has been used with another product. Such pool and spa chemicals as calcium hypochlorite, chlorinated isocyanurates and hydrogen peroxide are chemically reactive with each other and with other materials.

chemicals can be irritating to the nose and throat. If chemicals accidentally spill, don't put the spilled content back into the container; instead, dispose of the chemicals in accordance with the disposal instructions on the product label.

The same considerations for storing and

shipment of many pool and spa chemicals for business or commercial purposes is regulated by the U.S. Department of Transportation and by state and local laws and regulations. Additionally, do not attempt to carry

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handling pool and spa chemicals also apply to transporting them in a vehicle. Keep chemicals separate from all foreign matter, including other pool treatment products and all liquids. Do not allow them to become wet or damp. Do not subject chemicals to temperatures in excess of 95 F or leave them in a vehicle. With a temperature of 95 F outside, internal vehicle temperatures can reach 140 F within 20 minutes.

these products by air in checked or carry-on luggage and do not attempt to send them by mail, courier delivery or common carrier without complying with all applicable laws, regulations and carrier requirements.

Read and follow the first aid statements on the product label in case chemicals come into contact with the eyes or skin or if they are swallowed or inhaled. In case of an

emergency, call 911 or the Arch Chemicals Emergency Action Network (ACEAN) at 800.654.6911.

A backyard pool or spa is a fun, relaxing luxury. Just remember to take all the necessary safety precautions to ensure a safe, pleasurable season.



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