



# OPENING GUIDE 2026

PROCEDURE &  
ADVICE



SCAN TO SEE  
THE OPENING  
VIDEO



# I.WARNINGS

In this manual, Piscine Okéanos details the procedure for opening the pool in spring.

If you wish to take advantage of our pool opening service, you **MUST complete the online reservation request form available on our website.**

*(Please refer to page 50).*

It's **IMPORTANT** to read this guide carefully, to carry out each step thoroughly and call or email us if you have any remaining questions.

## BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE



**Never empty your pool without telling us and always have access to the dewatering well.**



During the spring period, the yards are generally waterlogged, emptying the pool could cause it to **lift**. If the pool lifts, your **Okéanos warranty** will unfortunately **no longer be valid**.

The dewatering well will allow the installation of a sump pump to evacuate in a constant and automatic way the water present around the pool.

## NOTE

**Before starting up your pool**, if there is a **large quantity of leaves or debris** at the bottom of the pool, it is **strongly advised to remove them as much as possible** with a net or with an accessory that works with your garden hose, and which is compatible with the pole that was provided to you.

This will prevent clogging of the pipes and increase the effectiveness of the shock treatment.

**A cleaning procedure for very green, cloudy or dirty water is included at the end of this guide.**



## II. OPENING PROCEDURE

### WARNING

The water level in the dewatering well should always be lower than the water level in the pool, empty it if necessary.

The well must always remain accessible, otherwise your warranty will be void.

### At the filtration:

1. **Screw the glass bulb back** on the sand filter (*making sure to position the black gasket properly*) and the **pressure gauge** by adding or changing the Teflon tape if necessary.
2. **Screw the drainage plug back** into the bottom of the filter using pliers.
3. **Set the filter's multi-port valve to the "FILTER" mode.**
4. Reassemble the filtration piping (*and the pump if it had been stored for the winter*) **making sure to put the O-rings back in each groove** (valves and unions).



***No O-ring is required at the return water jets.***

### At the pool

6. Once the filtration system is completely reassembled, **unscrew the Gizmo** (*green tube in the skimmer*), **and the plug** next to it (the two holes must be free) and finally **remove the grey foam tube**.
7. If there's a **skimmer plug** on the front side (on the skimmer opening, inside the pool), remove it and **put back the skimmer basket** in the skimmer.
8. **Remove the two return jet plugs** and screw the return jets back on with the outlet opening slightly down.

If there's **AN OVERFLOW TANNING LEDGE**, remember to remove the plug and replace the water return.

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OPTIONS :

**Lights:**

- **MINI LED – MOOV** : Nothing to do.

**Massage jets** (in the pool or in an OVERFLOW SPA): Unscrew the wingnut of the plugs to remove them and screw the massage jets and the bottom drain grates back on if in a spa.

**Heat pump or gas water heater:** Reconnect the circuits by putting the O-rings back into the valve groove or the fittings on the back of the heating equipment.



**Position the BYPASS valves** so that the equipment is ready to be started when the adequate operating pressure has been reached.

**Waterfall** (or any other hydraulic circuit): Reconnect the circuits by putting the O-rings back into the valve groove. Place the valve(s) in the open position so that, when the pump is started, the antifreeze is evacuated into the pool.

**Pump start-up** : Please check Page 8.

**9. Save all removed items for the next winterization (check below).**



**1 Skimmer screw cap 2" with O-ring**



**2 Water return screw caps 1½" with O-ring**



**Rubber plugs (option)**



**Gizmo**



**Tube of foam**



**Skimmer plug**

### III.CLEANING PROCEDURES AND SHOCK TREATMENT

16. If not done before start-up, remove as much debris as possible with a net.
17. Before adding products to the water, it's advised to clean the sand of your filter by performing a "BACKWASH" followed by a "RINSE", refer to page 18.

**WARNING: BEFORE LOWERING THE WATER LEVEL IN THE POOL AFTER OPENING, MAKE SURE YOU HAVE CHECKED AND REMOVED THE WATER FROM YOUR DEWATERING WELL.**

**YOUR SUMP PUMP SHOULD BE IN PLACE AS SOON AS THE ICE MELTS SO THAT IT CAN BE TRIGGERED IF NECESSARY.**

18. Now that the water is circulating, with the filter on "FILTER-HEAD" mode, perform a shock treatment (65 % to 75 % calcium hypochlorite).
19. Approximately 4 hours after the shock treatment, **test the pH of the water** with the test drops or strips and **adjust it to between 6.8 and 7.2** (*Between 7.2 and 7.4 for filtrations equipped with a gas water heater*).
20. Let the filtration run for 24 to 48 hours.

#### NOTE

**Before starting the process of vacuuming**, it's recommended to wait until the water clears a little to see the remaining debris at the bottom.

**This will reduce the risk of clogging the pipes by sucking up too much debris.**



**NEVER VACUUM IN BACKWASH OR RINSE MODE**

## 22. Cleaning of the pool:

- Brush the pool walls.
- Vacuum the pool in **“WASTE”** mode to avoid dirtying the sand in the filter.
- Check and clean the pump basket regularly.
- Perform a **“BACKWASH”** followed by a **“RINSE”**.

*(Add water as needed to keep the water level at least in the middle of the skimmer at a minimum).*

**CAUTION:** The **“WASTE”** mode will **drain water from the pool through the backwash hose**, and the **pool water level will drop rapidly**. Make sure the **dewatering well is as empty as possible** before starting and that the pool water level is at its highest.

**! Stop the filtration and add water as needed before continuing the cleaning.**

- **Avoid large piles of debris** to avoid clogging the pipes.
- **Check and clean the pump basket regularly** - all debris sucked in will end up in the pump basket.

## 23. Test the chlorine and pH levels.

It is important to continue the water treatment because the shock treatment is effective for a period of 24 to 48 hours on average.

**WITHOUT A SALT SYSTEM:** Start the usual chlorination of the water.

- Adjust the chlorine level between 0.8 and 2 PPM to ensure proper water disinfection.
- Adjust the pH between 6.8 and 7.2 *(Between 7.2 and 7.4 for filtrations equipped with a gas water heater).*

**WITH A SALT CHLORINATION SYSTEM:** If the temperature is below 15° Celsius or 60° Fahrenheit, the water will be too cold to start it.



**Do not add salt to the water at this time.**

- For the time being, place chlorine pucks in the skimmer basket or use chlorine granules.
  - 1 chlorine puck for pools smaller than 12' X 25'.
  - 1 to 2 chlorine pucks for pools 12' X 25' and larger.
- Adjust pH to between 6.8 and 7.2 *(between 7.2 and 7.4 for filtration systems equipped with a gas heater).*

### WHEN TO TEST AND ADJUST SALT LEVELS:

It would be unfortunate to add salt and dispose of it in the street during a vacuuming in “WASTE” mode or a “BACKWASH” and “RINSE” for a sand cleaning.

**Make this adjustment LAST, when the water is clear and free of any debris.**

***The amount of salt needed depends on the quantity of water in the pool and the salt that may already be present in the pool water.***

***Please note that salt does not evaporate. If there has already been salt in the water, some will remain when the pool is opened. You'll need to test the level of salt already in the water to make a simple adjustment.***

#### ■ BEFORE STARTING THE SALT SYSTEM

- a. Determine the amount of salt present in the water to calculate the amount of salt needed to reach the level recommended by the manufacturer.
- b. Add the quantity of salt determined on point “a.”
- c. 24 hours later, check that the salt level in the pool corresponds to the level recommended by the manufacturer.
- d. Confirm that the water temperature is at least 15° Celsius (60° Fahrenheit).
- e. Remove the chlorine puck, if present, from the skimmer basket.

#### ■ AFTER TURNING ON THE SALT SYSTEM

- f. Determine and maintain the correct chlorination rate.
- g. Adjust pH to between 6.8 and 7.2 (*between 7.2 and 7.4 for filtration systems equipped with a gas heater*).

**Please refer to the salt system section of this manual (P24) for further details before adding salt to the pool or turning on the salt system.**



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