

Filling Your Spa

We recommend that you change the water every three months

When one product is added to the water, wait at least 15 minutes before proceeding to the next product.

1. Fill your spa to the manufacture's recommendations. Run your source water for several minutes before placing the hose in the spa to flush out any contaminant that might have accumulated in your source water hose.
2. ADD **ProTeam Spa Metal Magic**, according to label instructions.
3. BALANCE SPA WATER using your dealers recommendations or with the aid of your own testing strips or kit. Remember pH 7.2-7.6, Total Alkalinity 80-120 ppm, Calcium Hardness 150-250 ppm.

4. ADD A SANITIZER:

BROMINE USERS:

- ADD **ProTeam Spa Brom Start** according to label instructions.
- FILL your tablet dispenser with **ProTeam Spa Brominating Tabs** Adjust the dispenser to the highest setting for the first week then adjust as needed. Bromine levels may be low on your tests for the first couple week as the bromine levels become well established.
- Shock the spa. If filling the spa for the first time ever or period of time between uses, shock using **ProTeam Spa Multi Shock Extra** or **ProTeam Spa Oxidizing Shock**. If the spa is being drained and immediately refilled, then any ProTeam Shock may be used.

CHLORINE USERS:

- Shock (superchlorinate) the water using **ProTeam Spa Di-Chlor** or **ProTeam Multi Shock Extra**, according to label instructions.
5. ADD **ProTeam Spa Gentle Spa**, according to label instructions.

WEEKLY SPA CARE

- Test the pH, total alkalinity, and sanitizer levels in the water and adjust to their proper ranges
- Apply **ProTeam Spa Sky Blue Clarifier** or **ProTeam Spa Natural Clean**
- If applicable, apply **ProTeam Spa Metal Magic**
- Shock your spa with **ProTeam Spa Oxidizing Shock** or **ProTeam Spa Multi Shock Extra**

NOTE: Once weekly care is recommended with light to moderate spa use. With new spas and spas with heavier use, water should be tested, adjusted, and shocked two or three times weekly.

MONTHLY SPA CARE

- Test the levels of calcium hardness and adjust to the proper range.
- Clean and degrease spa filters using **ProTeam Spa Filter Cleaner**. When using weekly, **ProTeam Spa Natural Clean** filter cleaning and degreasing can move to 3-Month Spa Care.

3 MONTH SPA CARE

- Use **ProTeam System Clean** to flush wastes from spa water lines
- Drain and refill the spa
- Clean surfaces with **ProTeam Spa Surface Clean**

NOTE: When spa use is heavy, spa water may also need to be changed more frequently.

IDEAL RANGES (Residential Spas)

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| Chlorine | 1.0 – 3.0 ppm |
| Bromine | 2.0 – 4.0 ppm |
| pH | 7.2 – 7.6 |
| Total Alkalinity | 80 – 120 ppm |
| Calcium Hardness | 150 – 250 ppm |
| Metals | 0 ppm |

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Need Help? Ask yourself these questions first.

If you can't reach your local dealer about a spa water issue, ask yourself these quick questions:

When was the spa last shocked? Regular shocking removes contaminants that can cause odors, cloudiness, or other issues.

Is the water balanced? Check pH, total alkalinity, and calcium levels. Imbalance can lead to cloudy or smelly water and reduce the effectiveness of other treatments.

When was the filter last cleaned? Even if it doesn't look dirty, a clogged filter can cause poor water clarity. Cleaning it improves filtration and overall water quality.

Has spa usage increased? More frequent use may require more frequent maintenance. Your usual routine might not be enough.

For persistent or unclear water problems, visit your local ProTeam Spa dealer for a water test and expert advice.

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This guide covers the essentials of spa water care using ProTeam Spa's safe, specialized products. With regular maintenance and support from our expert network, you can enjoy clean, safe spa water for years.

Follow these 5 keys to spa care success!

KEY 1 CIRCULATE & FILTER

Water must circulate and filter everyday to help prevent the build-up of surface contaminants and to remove matter that bathers and outside sources introduce. Typically spas come pre-programmed from the factory to circulate and filter the correct amount of time. In-ground spa systems need at least 4 hours of circulation.

Spa filters mostly capture body oils and other contaminants that come off our bodies. As a result the filter will need to be cleaned and degreased occasionally. Regular use of **ProTeam Spa Filter Clean** will also extend the life of the spa filter. Continued use of **ProTeam Spa Natural Clean** can extend the time between filter cleaning and degreasing.



KEY 2 DRAIN & CLEAN

There is a small amount of water in spas that users enjoy, so the impact from users is great. When we sit in our spa, we introduce a lot of foreign material. We also add products to the water to help keep the water appearance and comfort in check. The residue of all of these things added to the water are called dissolved solids. Dissolved solids may cause issues from hazy water that cannot be cleared to slowed product performance. Stay ahead of problems by draining and refilling every three months. Between refills, clean the spa surface with **ProTeam Spa Surface Clean** and clean the internal plumbing with **ProTeam Spa System Clean**.



KEY 3 BALANCE

There are three factors in water that need to be tested and adjusted, pH, total alkalinity, and calcium hardness. These factors help to create the best water for the spa. The best water is clear and comfortable to soak in, while allowing the other water care products to work at their peak effectiveness. Lack of adjustments can lead to short term issues like cloudy water or bathing discomfort. Damage to the spa can occur long term from corrosion or scale formation when water balance is not maintained regularly.

Water testing should be performed at least twice a week, and more frequently if the spa is used often. Using testing strips is convenient and accurate, while test kits provide precision and greater accuracy. Your local ProTeam Spa dealer can also perform tests with their equipment and will provide detailed instructions if any corrective actions are needed to the water.

BALANCE *continued*

pH

pH is the most important water balance factor. Though the pH scale goes from 0-14, spa water should be maintained between 7.2 and 7.6. If pH becomes too low or too high then the water quality is poor and needs correction. If pH is below 7.2, apply **ProTeam Spa pH Increaser**. If pH is above 7.6, apply **ProTeam Spa pH Decreaser**.

Total Alkalinity (TA)

Total alkalinity helps keep pH at ideal levels. Proper TA in spas should be maintained in the range of 80-120 ppm. If total alkalinity is low, add **ProTeam Spa Alkalinity Up**. If total alkalinity is high, Consult your local dealer on best practices of treatment of high total alkalinity for your area.

Calcium Hardness (CH)

Calcium hardness refers to the amount of dissolved calcium in water. Proper calcium hardness levels for a spa should be 150 - 250 ppm. Since CH levels do not fluctuate, testing calcium is only needed during your initial fill of your spa and monthly between refills. If calcium hardness is low in your spa, add **ProTeam Spa Calcium Up** according to the label instructions. If calcium hardness is too high, then frequent weekly additions of **ProTeam Spa Metal Magic** will be needed.



KEY 4 SANITIZE

Spa water must be kept free from germs, bacteria, and other unwanted pathogens so everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience in the water. The addition of a sanitizer (sometimes referred to as disinfectant) to the water is how spa water remains clean. The addition of a sanitizer is also an important factor to ensure water looks good, feels good, and has no odor. There are two sanitizer options from ProTeam Spa, bromine and chlorine.

Bromine Sanitizing

Bromine is a popular method of treating spas and hot tubs because it is less likely to cause offensive odors and skin irritation in the spa. Bromine tends not to dissipate as rapidly as chlorine in spa water. Bromine also offers the most convenience as it comes in the form of a slow dissolving tablet. **ProTeam Spa Brominating Tabs** are used in conjunction with dispenser for continuous daily sanitizer introduction. Dispensers can be floating feeders or canisters part of the spa's equipment.

Chlorine Sanitizing

Chlorine is the most recognized sanitizer and is a very effective water treatment. Occasional additions of **ProTeam Spa Di-Chlor** are needed to keep water clean for all users of the spa.



KEY 5 SHOCK

When people use a spa, body oils, sweat, deodorants, cosmetics, and other wastes come from their bodies and become part of the water. Left untouched, these wastes and junk start to deplete the sanitizer. As a result, the water may start to become cloudy, foamy, and smelly. Shocking the water is the process of adding Shock (sometimes referred to as an oxidizer) to remove build-up of wastes in water. Regular shocking of water ensures water stays clear and that sanitizer works well.

It does not matter which shock is added to the water, but you must add one of these shocks on a regular basis, usually weekly, to maintain clear water.

ProTeam Spa Multi Shock Extra – Contains chlorine. This shock sanitizes, shock oxidizes, clarifies, and keeps a steady pH.

ProTeam Spa Oxidizing Shock – Chlorine Free Shock. Oxygen based water cleaner, more powerful than chlorine to clean the water. Spa use can resume 15 minutes after use.



Transform your spa experience with ProTeam Gentle Spa.

It softens water, reduces eye and skin irritation, enhances clarity, and helps stabilize pH levels. Once added, your spa becomes more comfortable—and easier to maintain.



Specialty Solutions for your spa.

ProTeam Spa Metal Magic prevents staining and scale caused by metals and calcium in spa water. While most spa owners don't have high levels of iron or copper, everyone has calcium—which, especially in hot water, can leave damaging and unsightly scale on surfaces and equipment.

ProTeam Spa Foam Fighter quickly eliminates foam when added directly to spa water. Persistent foaming may indicate the need for more frequent shocking, higher calcium hardness, or even a partial or full water replacement.

ProTeam Spa System Clean cleans the parts you can't see. Add System Clean before draining your spa to scrub internal plumbing. Its powerful formula removes buildup that could otherwise lead to water quality issues.

ProTeam Spa Sky Blue Clarifier binds the smallest particles in the water into larger clumps for faster removal by the filter, resulting in clearer, more polished-looking water.

ProTeam Spa Natural Clean breaks down oils, lotions, and organic materials. This enhances the performance of sanitizers and shocks, keeps water cleaner, and may reduce how often you need to clean your filter.

