Pool Cleaning Checklist

For residential owners removing routine leaves, dirt and surface buildup. This cleaning checklist does not replace water treatment or cover hazardous contamination, major algae remediation or equipment repair.

Date: _____ Completed by: _____ Pool size / equipment: _____

Before you start

- Gather a skimmer net, a brush approved for your finish, a compatible vacuum or cleaner, and current water-test supplies.
- Keep swimmers out while cleaning. Follow shutdown and pressure-release instructions before opening baskets or filters. Seek professional advice for hazardous debris or unfamiliar equipment.

Prepare

- [ ] **Check visibility and identify debris (Essential)**
  Keep swimmers out during cleaning and stop if unsafe conditions are present.
- [ ] **Choose tools compatible with the pool finish (Essential)**
  Check brush, vacuum and robotic cleaner compatibility.
- [ ] **Remove toys and large debris (Essential)**
  Keep people and pets clear of operating equipment.
- [ ] **Check barriers and visible suction covers (Essential)**
  Keep access restricted if a barrier fails or a suction cover is loose, broken or missing. Inspect from the deck; do not enter to investigate.

Clean surfaces

- [ ] **Skim the water surface (Essential)**
  Remove leaves and floating debris before they sink.
- [ ] **Brush walls, steps and the waterline (Essential)**
  Avoid abrasive tools on delicate finishes.
- [ ] **Vacuum the floor or run a compatible robotic cleaner (If Applicable)**
  If you have a compatible manual vacuum or automatic cleaner.
  Follow the cleaner manual; do not use a consumer cleaner for hazardous debris.
- [ ] **Empty the cleaner filter and accessible baskets (If Applicable)**
  If a cleaner filter or accessible equipment baskets are fitted.
  For an automatic cleaner, follow its manual to remove and rinse debris containers. For pump baskets, isolate power and release pressure first. Never open pressurized equipment.

Finish

- [ ] **Inspect and service the pool filter if indicated (If Applicable)**
  If the filter manual or service indicator calls for cleaning.
  Use the pressure baseline and manual, not a fixed backwashing schedule. Depressurize before opening.
- [ ] **Check circulation, visibility and water chemistry (Essential)**
  Cleaning does not disinfect water; follow test results and chemical labels before swimming.
- [ ] **Record recurring debris or problem areas (Optional)**
  Investigate recurring algae or staining rather than repeatedly scrubbing.

Notes / additional tasks

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