

NEWS SPLASH

SPRING 2015

DID YOU KNOW...?

- There are 10.4 million swimming pools in the United States and 309,000 public pools.
- The leading manufacturer of pool noodles makes 6 million of the personal floats each year.
- The world's first swimming pool was created in the 26th Century BC. Located in India, it was composed of bricks covered with a tar-based sealant to hold the water.
- The world's largest swimming pool is in Chile and is over 3,000 feet long and covers 20 acres.
- On-Time Pool Service is a Business Partner with the Realtor's Assoc. of Sarasota and Manatee (RASM) and the local Women's Council of Realtors chapter. We love Realtors!
- The world's deepest swimming pool is in Italy and measures 130 feet deep. That is the approximate height of a 14 story building! Built within a hotel, this specialized pool is used mainly for dive training and photo shoots.
- On-Time Pool Service is a Certified Pool Contractor under Florida State license CPC1458619. Our license allows us to legally perform any work on any existing pool or spa, both public and private, within the state.
- If you are a fan of the NFL Florida Jaguars, you can watch their games live from the comfort of a 330 foot spa. To boost ticket sales, the stadium installed spas with clear front panels so fans can splash around and enjoy the game. Tickets cost \$250 but include food, drink and a cabana!
- On-Time Pool Service is an active member of both the Florida Swimming Pool Association (FSPA) and the Independent Pool and Spa Service Association (IPSSA).

HERE COMES THE SUMMER!

You can already feel the humidity and heat coming. Even though the calendar says Spring just started, we all know that the hot, hazy and humid Summer heat is just around the corner.

This time of year is the most challenging for pool service. Not just due to the hot working conditions but due also to the difficulty of keeping the pools clear of algae with our once-a-week visits. There are a lot of factors working against us.

Of course, the hotter weather usually increases the pool's use. Plus it's the rainy season. And there's a lot more sunshine. And the water is warmer. All these factors, plus others, means more organics, more bacteria and more stress are introduced to the pool water in the summer. This subsequently increases the demand or use of chlorine. When the chlorine is gone, algae can start growing more easily.

To prevent algae's growth, each Spring we make preparations for the summer months by:

- Extending pump runs times to at least eight hours daily
- Switching from liquid chlorine to tablet chlorine which dissolves slowly over the week
- Reducing your water's phosphate level, a critical food source that algae need to grow
- Adding a dosage of 3-month algaecide twice over the course of the long summer

These actions, plus more diligent brushing of your pool, should lead to an algae-free Summer for all of us!



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