

# The Importance of Keeping Your Professional Pool Service **During the COVID-19 Crisis**

Enjoy a clean, healthy pool with  
the help of vital resources provided  
by your pool service professional.



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# Take The Time To Become Informed

Professional pool service technicians are qualified and trained to maintain full, healthy and sanitary pools for you and your family to enjoy during the COVID-19 stay-at-home mandate.

Under COVID-19 mandates, many sports, fitness and recreational facilities are closed, but the backyard pool is still available for entertainment and exercise.

## Can the COVID-19 virus spread through pools, hot tubs or spas?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there is no evidence that COVID-19 can be spread to humans through the use of pools and hot tubs. Proper operation, maintenance, and disinfection (e.g., with chlorine and bromine) of pools and hot tubs should remove or inactivate the virus that causes COVID-19.

**Source:** (PHTA.org and CDC.gov). EPA-approved chlorine sanitizers must be kept at a minimum 1 part per million ppm to prevent disease transmission. (PHTA American National Standards ANSI/APSP Standard 11)

## Did you know?

Swimming Pool Service Companies fall under the category of "essential workers" based on the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) list of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers, and are "necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences."

*Professional pool services are to be performed in **full compliance** with social distancing mandates.*

# When is Penny Wise Pool Foolish?

## Before Draining Your Pool or Cutting Back on Professional Services—Get Informed

As many of us struggle with decisions regarding essential and non-essential services for the home, please consider maintaining usual pool treatment protocols and service routines.

Retaining a trustworthy pool pro is more important than ever—and will save time and money in the long run.

### Risks to Consider Before Draining Pools

- Draining pools or spas when temperatures are high can damage surfaces.
- There are strict codes in many cities regarding draining and violating the rules can lead to costly fines.
- Environmental and property damage can occur from improperly drained pools—leading to prosecution and lawsuits.
- If improperly drained, hydrostatic pressure (groundwater underneath the pool that pushes up) can result in severe and costly damage to both equipment and the pool.

Draining a pool at the wrong time can result in the entire pool **literally popping out of the ground.**



*Should you choose to drain your pool, ask your professional pool service technician for counsel on requirements and timing.*

## Costs to Consider Before Draining Pools

In addition to costs involved with draining and refilling, pools can suffer severe and costly surface damage while drained. Exposure of the pool floor and walls to the elements can be problematic—pool walls and floors are designed to be submerged to keep the surface moist and cool.

<b>DRAINING FEES*</b>	
<u>Pump Rental and Hose</u>	<b>\$100-\$200</b>
<u>Water + Chemicals</u>	<b>\$100-\$150</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$200-\$350</b>

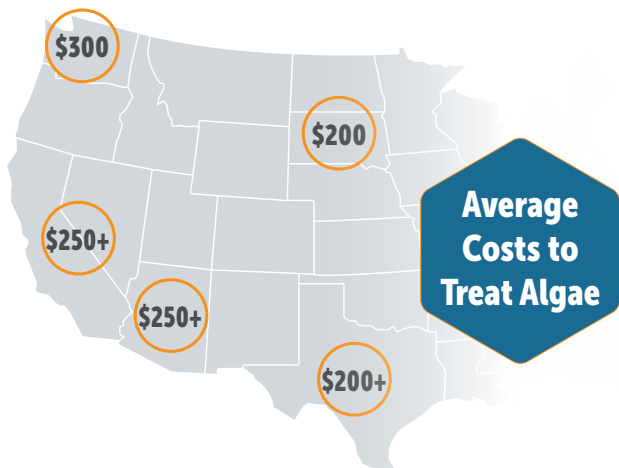
*\* Based on Average Statistics*

<b>DAMAGE COSTS*</b>	
<u>Concrete Pool</u>	<b>\$2,000-\$10,000</b>
<u>Vinyl-lined Pool</u>	<b>\$3,000-\$5,000</b>
<u>Fiberglass Inground Pool</u>	<b>\$5,000-\$40,000</b>

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## The Costs of a Green Pool

The cost of chemicals and labor to turn a green pool back to clear blue can be hundreds of dollars—at least two to three months of pool service charges. A DIY approach may seem like a good idea, but without proper chemical treatment, algae population can double within hours—literally turning a pool from clear to green. It's worth it to keep your pool pro!





**Maintain professional pool services** to avoid a costly algae filled pool.

# Top Reasons You Need Your Pool Pro Now More Than Ever

## Ensure Proper Sanitization of Pools and Spas

An untreated pool presents a danger to swimmers and the community at large. Algae in swimming pools leads to bacterial build-up and becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes that can spread West Nile disease or Zika virus.

## Provide Safer Backyards for Your Family

Pool service professionals help to ensure safer, healthier and more secure backyard pools—especially during this time.

## Protect Access to Proper Supplies

Pool service professionals have the best access to the right products and supplies to keep your pool running and ensure proper water quality.

## Safeguard Pool Equipment and Water Quality

Pool service professionals are the most qualified and trained to contribute to the health, safety and well being of your pool during the stay-at-home mandate—and any time.

## Avoid Wasted Money and Additional Risk

Cyanuric acid (CYA) from using too many trichlor tablets (which are not designed to be used in excess) can cause less effective available chlorine—wasting money and promoting algae and bacteria growth. Pool-strength liquid chlorine bleach like HASA Sani-Clor® liquid sanitizer is the best way to treat pools for maintenance and super-chlorination.

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- WHO.int
- CISA.gov
- PHTA.org



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**Your pool service tech can also provide Sani-Clor®  
liquid sanitizer, which can be used indoors  
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