

Balance Pool Chemicals Like A Pro

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Get a reliable pool water testing kit that can measure pH, chlorine levels, alkalinity, and calcium hardness. In warm areas like Tampa, you will want to be testing your water at least once a week. This is especially true during the hot summer months when pool usage is at its peak.

TESTING FOR CHLORINE POOLS

Free Chlorine	Ideal range is 1-3 ppm
Combined Chlorine	Less than 0.5 ppm
pH Levels	Target range is 7.2-7.6
Total Alkalinity	Aim for 80-120 ppm
Calcium Hardness	Keep it between 200 and 400 ppm

TESTING FOR SALTWATER POOLS

Chlorine Levels	Ideal between 1-3 ppm
pH Levels	Should be 7.2-7.6
Total Pool Alkalinity	Maintain a concentration of 80-120 ppm
Calcium Hardness	Maintain 200-400 ppm
Salt Levels	Test for 2700-3400 ppm, depending on your system



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	Chlorine	Saltwater
Adjust pH Levels	PH is below 7.2? Add sodium bicarbonate (baking soda) to raise it to a level above 7.2. PH is above 7.6? Use a pH decreaser (sodium bisulfate) to lower it.	The same steps apply here. Monitor often, as evaporation is high in the Tampa sun!
Balance Alkalinity	Increase Alkalinity Introduce Sodium bicarbonate when levels are below 80 ppm.	Decrease Alkalinity Add muriatic acid or sodium bisulfate when the levels exceed 120 ppm.
Chlorine Adjustments	Raise chlorine levels, by adding liquid chlorine or granulated chlorine. To shock the pool: To shock the pool, use a shock treatment (follow the package instructions).	Your saltwater system will generate chlorine; you may need to increase the output setting. Levels are low? Add liquid chlorine to boost it.
Calcium Hardness	Calcium hardness is low? Add calcium chloride to increase it. For high levels, partial water replacement might be necessary.	Calcium hardness is low? Add calcium chloride to increase it. For high levels, partial water replacement might be necessary.

