

# Maintaining your pool during the hot summer months

## Fact Sheet



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what you need



With summer here, you're probably ready to enjoy the cool water of your pool.



Proper pool maintenance is crucial to keeping your swimming pool an enjoyable feature of your home life.

One of the big cost items in maintaining a pool is the electricity usage of your pool pump – but we have some sound advice on how to keep the energy costs to a minimum.

Here are some energy efficient steps to ensure your pool is always swim ready during summer.

- It's important to make regular pool maintenance a priority, since this will optimise the electricity usage of your pool pump.
- Clean areas in your pool with the least circulation by brushing the floor and walls of your pool at least once a week to remove debris that the pool cleaner misses.
- Clean your pool filter and do so at regular intervals throughout the year;



since a clean filter is key to better water flow.

- Set the controller/time switches on your pool pump to operate for limited periods at least twice a day. We encourage you to set your pool pump to run outside of 5pm to 9pm, the period of peak demand for electricity in South Africa.

If an average household reduces their pool pump operating time by just one hour per day, the annual demand reduction will be around 274kWh or approximately R680.00 in savings, depending on your electricity tariff. By taking these energy efficient steps, you will use electricity smartly and at the same time help to reduce the possibility and impact of loadshedding.




Loadshedding or a power outage may affect the settings on your pool pump timer

and any other household appliances fitted with a timer. So when the power has been restored to your home, please check your timer to ensure that the settings are still accurate and set to operate outside of 5pm to 9pm.

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