



Spa Care Guide



Relax with confidence

Owning a spa is easy with HTH spa™ Care

HTH spa™ is here to help you relax with confidence. With over 90 years of experience, our complete line of easy-to-use products help you maintain carefree and hassle-free spa water — it's everything you need and nothing you don't. With products you can trust and this guide to lead your way, your spa will be clean, safe and ready when you are.

- HTH spa™ Care

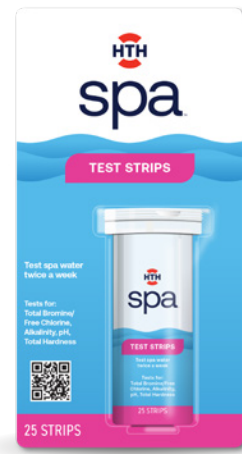


Make spa water care a breeze

Keep your spa water clean and relaxing with our full line of sanitizing products and this easy-to-use guide.

Basic Spa Care

Test your spa water with [HTH spa™ Care Test Strips](#) to check free available chlorine, bromine, total alkalinity, pH and total hardness levels. Then, use the chart below to adjust your chemical levels as needed. This helps prevent corrosion, scale and keeps your spa water sanitized.



Ideal Chemical Levels

Total Alkalinity.....	80 - 120 ppm
Chlorine pH.....	7.2 - 7.8
Bromine pH.....	7.2 - 7.8
FAC.....	3 - 5 ppm
Bromine.....	2 - 4 ppm
Total Hardness.....	>200 ppm

Pro Tip: Drain and refill your spa water every 90 days to prevent cloudiness and chemical buildup. When you change out your spa water, use the [HTH spa™ Filter Cleaner](#) to extend the life of your filter.



Simple weekly routine

Spa upkeep doesn't have to take a ton of time. With these simple solutions for new (and experienced) spa owners, you can relax in confidence with HTH spa™ Care.



Balance

Test & Balance 2x Weekly

Test and balance your spa water as directed to protect bathers, spa surfaces and equipment and help sanitizers work more effectively.



Sanitize

Sanitize 1x Weekly

Remove bacteria, eliminate contaminants and prevent algae to keep your spa water clean and relaxing.



Shock

Shock 1x Weekly

Shock weekly to break down contaminants, reduce odors and prevent foaming, so you can relax in fresh, clean spa water.



Clarify

Clarify 1x Weekly

Clarify weekly to eliminate dull, cloudy spa water and enjoy clear, soothing results.

Remember to



Always read product label directions and use only as directed



Always add chemicals to spa water, never the other way around



Never add chemicals to spa water when people are in the spa



Never mix products together



Always store spa products in a cool, dry location and away from direct sunlight



Always wear proper safety equipment when handling chemicals

Carefree spa opening and closing

HTH spa™ Care is your go-to line of products for fast, easy spa opening and closing. Learn how to confidently prepare your equipment and balance your spa water at the start of every season with the tips below. Keep in mind that you can always refer to the back of the product packaging for more detailed instructions.

Opening Your Spa

- Test and balance total alkalinity, calcium hardness and pH levels in your spa water (see the back of your test strip bottle for the recommended ranges)
- For a chlorine-based spa:
 - Add [HTH spa™ Chlorinating Sanitizer](#)
 - Test free available chlorine (FAC) levels and adjust as necessary
 - At startup, FAC should be in the range of 4 - 5 ppm
 - For maintenance, keep FAC levels between 3 - 5 ppm
- For a bromine-based spa:
 - Add [HTH spa™ Bromine Tabs](#)
 - Test bromine residual levels and adjust as necessary
 - At startup and for continued maintenance, keep bromine levels in the range of 2 - 4 ppm
- To convert your spa from bromine to chlorine or vice versa, simply drain your spa water, refill it with fresh spa water and follow the steps above

Closing Your Spa (Optional)

- Turn off your spa at the breaker
- Drain your spa water
- Blow spa water out of piping, skimmer, filter and heater
- Remove any remaining water in your foot well or filter area
- Remove all your drain plugs — don't forget to check your heater plugs
- Clean and replace your spa cover



Spa water problem solver

Experiencing cloudy spa water and don't know how to solve it? Get back to relaxing in clean spa water in no time with these HTH spa™ Care solutions. If necessary, refer to the chart on page 3 for ideal chemical ranges.



Strong Chemical Odors

Issue:

- Chlorine or bromine odor
- Not enough FAC in your spa water

Solution:

- Test your pH levels and adjust as necessary
- Oxidize with [HTH spa™ Care Non-Chlorine Oxidizer](#)
- Test your chlorine and bromine levels and adjust as needed



Algae & Bacteria

Issue:

- Green spa water
- Not enough free available chlorine
- Low bromine residual

Solution:

- Test your pH levels and adjust as necessary
- Shock treat with [HTH spa™ Care Clear Chlorinating Sanitizer](#)



Incorrect pH Levels

Issue:

- Skin or eye irritation
- High combined chlorine, low FAC, low bromine or pH that is out of the desired range

Solution:

- Test your pH levels and adjust as necessary using [HTH spa™ Care pH Up](#) or [HTH spa™ Care pH Down](#)



Foamy Spa Water

Issue:

- Buildup of body oils, contaminants and organic material
- Improper filtration

Solution:

- Remove and prevent foam with [HTH spa™ Care Defoamer](#)
- Drain your spa and refill with fresh spa water
- Oxidize organic buildup with [HTH spa™ Care Non-Chlorine Oxidizer](#)
- Clean your filter with [HTH spa™ Care Filter Cleaner](#)



Cloudy Spa Water

Issue:

- Dirty filter or not filtering enough
- Old spa water
- High pH levels or total alkalinity

Solution:

- Test your pH and total alkalinity and adjust if they are too high with [HTH spa™ Care pH Down](#)
- Oxidize with [HTH spa™ Care Non-Chlorine Oxidizer](#)
- Check that your filtration system is working properly
- Add [HTH spa™ Care Clarifier](#) to help the filter remove fine suspended particles
- Clean your filter with [HTH spa™ Care Filter Cleaner](#)

Spa chemical safety

Keeping you and your family safe is our top priority. With these quick tips, you can properly store, maintain and handle your HTH spa™ Care products.

For a safe, clean and relaxing spa experience:

- Wear gloves when handling chemicals and wash your hands after
- Store your products in a cool, ventilated area
- Tightly cover chemicals and place out of reach of children
- Store liquids upright to avoid spillage
- Follow cleanup procedures on the label if chemicals spill
- Clean and dry product containers before disposing
- Never ingest or inhale your spa products
- Read and follow all labels correctly to avoid spa chemical hazards



More resources

Do you have further questions on how to maintain your spa or use our HTH spa™ Care products? We're always here to help, so you can keep your spa water clean and relaxing with a short, easy routine.



Call us

We've got someone standing by
*Monday-Friday from 9am-7pm EST
(866)-484-7665

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