

### Pocket Guide to using Chlorine with a Nature2 Mineral Purifier

~ Based on spa volume of 400 to 500 gallons ~

# **Start Up Procedure**

- 1. Fill the spa with hard water
- 2. Position the Nature2 purifier inside filter or near the filter
- 3. Once the water level is high enough, turn on breaker to power up the spa
- 4. Add 2 oz of Unique
- 5. After the spa has reached 80 -100°, test and adjust the PH and Total Alkalinity (TA)
- 6. Add 1 oz of granular chlorine (also known as dichlor)
- 7. Add 1 oz of oxidizer shock (a non-chlorine shock, also called MPS)

Note: if your water source contains heavy amounts of iron, add an additional 2oz of Unique as an 8<sup>th</sup> step.

### **Weekly Maintenance**

#### Once per week

- Test and adjust PH, TA & sanitizer (depending on the test strip, sanitizer may be "MPS" or "Free Chlorine")
- Add 1-2 oz. of oxidizer shock (a non-chlorine shock, also called MPS)
- Add 2 oz of Unique (Clarifier)
- Rinse the filter with fresh water

#### After each use

Add 1 tablespoon of granular chlorine

#### Once per month

Soak filter cartridge(s) overnight (or at least 8 hours) in a bucket of water mixed with a filter cleaner

#### Every 4-6 months

Replace Nature2 purifier

## **Pro Tips**

#### Balancing PH, Total Alkalinity (TA), and Calcium Hardness (CH)

- When testing PH/TA, if one is high and the other is low, always adjust the lower reading first.
- Wait at least 30 minutes (and no more than a few hours) after each PH and/or TA adjustment before retesting.
- It is not out of the ordinary to have to make several, or many, adjustments to bring PH and TA into balance.
- PH in newer water tends to rise on its own. Having to continually decrease PH for the first month or so is normal.
- If clumps form in your bottle of PH reducer, dissolve them in a small container with water before adding to spa.
- Calcium Hardness is important. If you use softened water then you will need to test/maintain Calcium Hardness.

#### Granular chlorine and oxidizer shock

- Low or no chlorine/MPS readings are normal with the Nature2 system as the purifier is sanitizing with Silver/Zinc. • With no Nature2 purifier the chlorine level would have to be continuously maintained at 2-5 ppm.
- Oxidizer shock should be added more than once per week for frequent (3-4 times/week) or heavy (party) use.
- Wait 15 minutes before entering the spa after adding oxidizer shock (this eliminates the chance of irritated skin).
- If possible, leave the spa cover open for 15 minutes after adding oxidizer shock (this allows off-gassing to occur).

#### **General Maintenance**

- Add chemicals by broadcasting them over the middle of the spa; run the pump(s) for more efficient mixing.
- Cloudy water is <u>usually</u> caused by inadequate sanitation. To cure it, add chlorine and/or shock & clean filter.
- Skin breakouts from spas are usually caused by low sanitation or low PH, not by too much chlorine or shock.
- After soaking filter(s), rinse and allow filter to dry before placing back into spa. Replace filters after 1 year.
- Drain and refill your spa at least twice per year (3-4 times per year for daily or almost daily users).
  - Use a spa flush solution to flush out the plumbing before each draining.