



## Servicing and Maintaining your Pool / Spa (C23)

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Just as most people would expect to have a car regularly serviced to improve its performance, so it is a really good idea to have your pool and /or spa regularly maintained, to ensure that you get the optimum performance from it.

By not keeping your pool regularly serviced and maintained, you will not be enjoying your facilities at their best and in the long run, it may cost you even more, if anything goes wrong with the pool itself, or with the water balance.

#### Some considerations:-

- If you think that there may be a peculiar noise emanating from the plant room, or that a neighbour complains about the noise;
- If there is a wet patch in the plant room;
- If the pool is not up to temperature, even though you think the pool heater is working;
- If the pool water is green, even though you think the chemical levels are correct,
- If you feel uncomfortable with the humidity or air temperature in the pool hall;
- If there are unusual levels of condensation on the glass or walls of the pool hall;
- If there is mould growth due to low air flow (and dirty air filters);

If any of the above are happening to your pool, then do something about it, or at least ask a SPATA Member to do something. The old adage is "a stitch in time saves nine".

If you have the time and expertise to service and maintain the pool yourself then this is great, however, if you are unsure what to do, or want an expert to do it for you then make sure you approach a SPATA Member. Just as you would take your car to a reputable garage for any servicing or repair work, they will be able to diagnose any issues and rectify them. The SPATA Member, especially if they have built the pool, will know what is needed to ensure that you get the maximum enjoyment from owning the pool.



Please also note that while most of this factsheet is "advisory", there are a number of "statutory" obligations, including:

- Gas and oil boilers must be serviced, according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Electrical trips and earth leakage devices must be inspected annually.
- Refrigeration systems (Heat pumps) must be checked for leaks each year under the Gas regulations.

With energy conservation systems, the cost of routine servicing can pay for itself by virtue of improved efficiency and reduce running costs.

Even if you have the time and energy to look after the pool yourself, consider having it checked over at least once a year by a professional. After all, pools are their business and they will see things which you may well have missed, forgotten or were simply unaware of; trust them.

With outdoor pools, the beginning of the season is a good time to ensure that you do not miss swimming time. SPATA Members who undertake maintenance work often offer Spring opening and Autumn closing services and these are good times to check everything is in working order.

Once you have agreed what work needs to be done and have been given the quote for undertaking the work, you can relax and let someone else carry out this important task on your behalf. Your pool will then be in safe hands.

Have a great time, enjoy your pool, you deserve it!