

## Summer swimming fun begins in the spring with sparkling, clear pool water

Spring means the return of warm weather and swimming in the backyard pool. As pool owners get their pools ready for another season of fun, what they find when they roll back the winter cover may not be what they want to see: Dull, stagnant, lifeless water in the pool.

Lack of use during the winter may mean leaves or other debris in the pool bottom. Dark mineral stains and streaks may show on pool sides and in the waterline. What may be worse yet is algae, not noticeable in its early stages, but just waiting to spread as the water gets warmer.

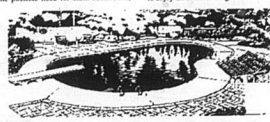
**Beating the winter pool blues**  
But there is a solution to the winter-time pool blues, and BioGuard has it. Season pool owners begin by taking a sample of their pool water to their BioGuard Authorized Pool Dealer for a complete water analysis and personalized prescription for year-round care.

There the pool water is computer analyzed. Free of charge. The personal BioGuard computerized water analysis system outlines a schedule of how much and which chemicals need to be added to get the water back into proper balance and ready for summer fun. BioGuard has formulated specific chemical products to solve pool problems and keep water sparkling clean and inviting all season.

Pool owners get helpful information on what to do to bring total alkalinity, pH and calcium hardness of the water into the proper range.

The computer analysis also performs many tests that home kits can't measure, like total dissolved solids, copper/iron content and stabilizer level, all important for the health and enjoyment of the pool.

**Customized plan**  
Since every pool has different needs, BioGuard helps owners determine proper amounts of chlorine for bacterial control and algaecide for algae control. The customized plan also spells out the possible need for stain controllers.



scale prevention agents or water clarifiers.

It begins with that water sample. After the cover has been removed, fill the pool and circulate the water for at least 24 hours. Then, immerse a clean, clean plastic water sample bag available from BioGuard Authorized dealers. Be free of charge, about 18 inches below the surface of the pool, away from the return.

Open the container and collect about a quart of water. BioGuard dealers test the water and prescribe just the chemicals needed, no more.

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Chairs are cleaned out, spring clothes pulled out of mothballs and, from attic to cellar, the work of refurbishing proceeds. Outdoors, siding is washed down or installed, painting projects, roofs are cleaned and repaired, decks are built, while, within, a freshly water-cooled tank hangs to reflect the joyous mood of spring, and a fresh coat of paint revolves a tired corner.

Large or small, each project adds to the sense of anticipation, and the letting of a job well done.

If you can't afford this year, to have a new kitchen installed, you may want to consider new countertops or cabinets — those with ingenious storage systems are particularly appealing.

New curtains can work wonders for virtually every room in the house. In your cleaning boxes you may discover, tucked away, ones which didn't look quite right several years ago, but which suddenly seem attractive again.

Finding that it's a cinch to run curtains up on a sewing machine, using bright new fabric which captures the spirit of the season.

New shorts and towels, too, can do wonders, and a bunch of fresh flowers in a favorite vase are a small touch which has big impact, wherever it's placed.

And, it's a great reward for tackling all the dirt and grime which have built up over the course of the winter.

Some of the refurbishing is purely practical. In spring, as well as fall, sex-appeal, smart homeowners check to make sure their insulation is adequate, after all, keeping cool air in during the summer months is an important as keeping it out during the winter.

New windows can give a home a whole new look, they can also add energy efficiency and, depending on the material which they're made, serve to reduce maintenance time in future years. Then, there's cleaning out the garage, setting through the eccentric accumulation of months or — in some cases — years. Do you really need the first rake

## Installing your own hardwood floor is now quick and easy

People used to think that to get a hardwood floor, you had to hire a contractor, but that isn't true today. Now you can install an elegant wood plank floor over almost any subfloor — old hardwood, vinyl, even concrete. It's quick and easy with the new do-it-yourself glue-down plank hardwood floors.

Recently introduced "Hampson Plank" with the Bruce 13-Strip Preparing Glue and Wax Finish, called "Dura-Satin" in a special size of 3" x 4 1/2" (equal to 1 1/2 square feet) and very easy to install.

They feature a milled tongue and groove on the sides and ends of the planks that lock the planks together for a tight, durable and professional looking installation.

The experts at Bruce have this advice for do-it-yourselfers: Prior to starting, always read the detailed instructions in the carton.

They simply follow these four easy steps:

1. Remove the moldings from around the floor. Then, to insure a square installation, measure 3' out from the longest wall at 2 different points and mark point 1 and point 2.
2. Snap a chalkline the length of the room across points 1 and 2.

Wood warms a room twice — once with insulation and again with style, being both to your home with a plain hardwood floor.

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