



## How to Care for Your Pool Heater

Here are a few basic tips in ensuring your new pool heater has a long and trouble free lifespan:

- Regular professional water sample tests are an extremely important component in maintaining your pool heater. Pool side test strips do not accurately test pH and alkalinity. We have a professional water test at our store and can tell you if your alkalinity is within proper range. Water tests are always free. For most pools a range of 120-150 parts per million is recommended. Alkalinity outside of this range will cause scaling inside the heater (if it is too high) or corrode through your copper heat exchanger (if it is too low). This can happen very quickly even on a brand new heater. For this reason, we recommend our customers have their water professionally tested once every two weeks, or at minimum once per month while the pool is open.
- Summertime Pool Services guarantees our workmanship, and the manufacturer provides a one year warranty on your new heater. This warranty does not cover physical damage caused by something such as a falling branch, improper closing, or damage caused by poor water care. To protect your investment, we strongly recommend that you keep a printed copy of your water samples in the event the manufacturer requests documentation. If the water test was completed at our store we will have a digital record available for you.
- Summertime Pool Services also strongly recommends all heaters are serviced with the pool opening every year. The manufacturer's warranty also requires proof that the heater has been serviced yearly in the event of a warranty claim. With this service we include having a licenced gas technician turn on the gas, clean the burner tray, and clean the contacts. They also test and check the pilot, electrical, venting, floor, pressure switch, and bonding. Due to the fact that these heaters are outdoors, rodents and nesting spiders can cause problems. The technicians also clean up any nests or cobwebs they find. This service is recommended and available every spring.

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