FREE GUIDE

The pool before you arrive, and why August is too late

A pool closed for months may be perfect or green. You cannot tell from the plane, and in season the pool company has few slots.

1 · The papers to gather first

Get everything together before you start. Almost every step in this guide stops dead for one missing document, and starting again costs more than waiting a day.

- The invoice or contract from your maintenance company, if you have one, with what it covers and how often.
- The pump details: make, model and filter type. Without that nobody can order you a part over the phone.
- The test strips or meter, and the record of the last pH and chlorine readings.
- Your home policy, with the public liability section: a pool changes it.
- If the pool is communal, the community minutes on its opening and its maintenance.

2 · The order to do things in

1. Look at the water a month before you arrive, not the day before. Green water recovers, but it needs days and product.
2. Measure pH and disinfectant and write both numbers down with the date. One reading says nothing; two in a row say which way it is going.
3. Check the water level and the pump's pre-filter: most failed start-ups are air in the circuit or a full basket.
4. Check the pump timer. Over winter many are left on hours that make no sense for summer.
5. If the pool is for collective use, remember the health regulations for pools apply, with their checks and records, and that is the community's business.

3 · The mistakes we see again and again

- Adding product without measuring. You correct blind and overshoot, and the water takes longer to come back.
- Leaving the pump off all winter without draining or protecting the circuit. A frost, rare as it is here, splits a pipe.
- Calling the pool company in the week you arrive, in July. That is when it has fewest slots.
- Confusing a private pool with one for collective use. The second carries health duties the first does not.

- Covering the pool and not looking underneath for six months. Underneath is where what you cannot see grows.

4 · Where you can check it yourself

Official pages, checked on 22/09/2026. The administration changes its screens without warning: if something does not match, the official source wins, not this guide.

- **Real Decreto 742/2013, criterios técnico-sanitarios de las piscinas**
  https://www.boe.es/buscar/act.php?id=BOE-A-2013-10580
- **Ministerio de Sanidad**
  https://www.sanidad.gob.es/
- **Ley 49/1960 de Propiedad Horizontal, elementos comunes**
  https://www.boe.es/buscar/act.php?id=BOE-A-1960-10906

If you would rather we did it

€39	one check visit with photos and a reading
€69	a double check: a week before and the day before you arrive

We are not pool technicians: we add no chemicals, we do not balance the water and we do not repair the pump. We look, we test with a strip and we tell you with photographs; the treatment is done by your maintenance company or one you choose, who bills you directly.

A question? One message is enough

Write to us on WhatsApp at **+34 613 13 87 84** (wa.me/34613138784) and a person answers. Asking costs nothing and commits you to nothing.

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