

# Fiberglass Pool Anti-Stain Weekly Checklist

A quick, easy-to-follow weekly guide for keeping your white fiberglass pool free of yellow waterline rings and general staining. Post this in your pool shed and tick off each task after completion.

## 1. Test & Adjust Water Chemistry

- pH: Keep between 6.8 – 7.2 (7.2 - 7.4 if you have a gas heater)
- Total Alkalinity (TA): 80–100 ppm
- Calcium Hardness: 200–300 ppm
- Free Chlorine: 2–4 ppm (3 ppm ideal)
- Cyanuric Acid (Stabilizer): 30–50 ppm
- Adjust pH first, then TA, then chlorine.

## 2. Metal & Scale Prevention

- If fill water has metals: Add a metal sequestering agent monthly (e.g., Jack's Magic, Metal Free).
- If calcium hardness >300 ppm: Use a scale inhibitor monthly.

## 3. Physical Cleaning

- Wipe waterline weekly with a pool-safe sponge or Magic Eraser.
- Brush around steps, returns, and skimmer mouth.
- Skim surface for debris daily.

## 4. Circulation & Filtration

- Run pump 12 hrs/day in summer minimum, or run your pump at lower speed during the off times, to continuously move the pool water.
- Angle return jets to create surface movement along the waterline.
- Backwash or clean cartridge filter as needed.

## 5. Shock & Oxidize

- Shock every 1–2 weeks (non-chlorine oxidizer or liquid chlorine).

- Removes oils, sunscreen residue, and organic matter that cause staining.

 **Pro tip for fiberglass pools:**

Avoid high chlorine shock (over 10 ppm) while metals are present — it can instantly cause metal staining on the white gelcoat.

## **6. Seasonal / Extra Care**

- Before closing: Deep clean waterline and add a final dose of metal sequestrant.
- After opening: Test for metals and balance pH before heavy chlorination