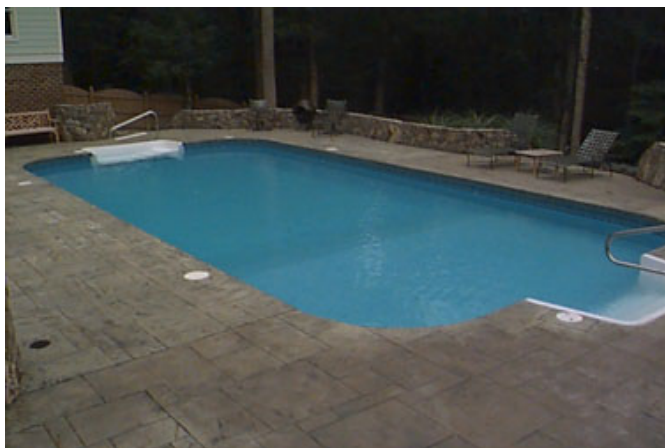


Save Water & Money Managing Your Pool & Spa



A pool or spa is great fun in the hot weather but they can use a great deal of water and energy, making them expensive to maintain – but with these tips you can make your pool or spa both cheaper to run and more environmentally friendly.

Filling your pool or spa

Water tank: use rain caught from your roof when topping up your pool or spa. Get a Water Smart Rebate of \$150 for a 600 litre rainwater tank, until 30 June 2007. Have a look at www.ourwater.vic.gov.au for all the eligible products and conditions

Overfilled and using chlorine? If you need to drain some water, the day before you're due to add chlorine, empty the excess water onto your garden. Don't use this water on the vegie patch or any other food plants. Don't completely drain your pool or spa onto the garden because it can waterlog your garden and cause problems for the soil.



Monitoring water levels and quality

Skimmer nets remove leaves. This uses less energy when running the filter, reducing costs and saving greenhouse gas emissions

Check regularly for any **leaks** from your pool or filter to conserve water.

Make sure the **chemical balance** is right so you don't have to drain and refill the pool ⁱ

Heating your pool or spa

Solar heating saves energy, money and greenhouse gas emissions

Heat your **spa** to no more than 35 – 38 degrees to reduce your energy bills and greenhouse gas emissions

Use a pool covering with your gas or electric heaters to save you up to \$776 and 3900 kg in greenhouse gas emissions, or even more, each year.

Pool Size	Save up to:	Reduce Greenhouse Gases up to:
Small	\$93	468 kg CO ₂
Medium	\$388	1950 kg CO ₂
Large	\$776	3900 kg CO ₂

(25% saving based on 520 hrs year / 10 hrs week), in ideal metro Melbourne conditions. Calculations based on highest tariff rates and information from SPASA Vic www.spasavic.com.au, Hurlcon, www.poolstuff.com.au and Origin Energy)

Filtering: Make sure the water level reaches only halfway up the skimmer box. This allows more efficient filtering so reduces energy use, cost and greenhouse gas emissions.

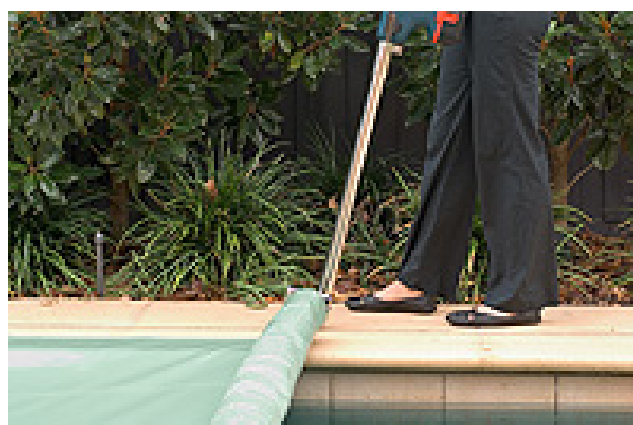
Choosing a Pool Cover

Possible pool covers includeⁱⁱ:

Bubble Blankets that warm the water, reducing heating costs, evaporation and greenhouse gas emissions

Thermal Blankets/Slat Covers that reduce heating costs and save greenhouse gas emissions by keeping the water warm

Pool Blankets that reduce evaporation and conserve water.



ⁱ SPASA Fact Sheet 2: Water Conservation www.spasavic.com.au

ⁱⁱ SPASA Fact Sheet 12: Covers and Blankets www.spasavic.com.au

