



Pool and Spa Test Strips Home Test Instructions

Reminder – please follow all manufacturer recommendations when utilizing and storing test strips for pool or spa chlorine testing.

Testing the strips at home before visiting the pool can help you learn how to properly use and read them.

In order to test at home, you will need:

- 3 containers
- 13 cups of regular tap water
- 3 drops of liquid chlorine bleach **please note that if bleach is more than 3 months old, it may be too old to provide an accurate test*

Allow tap to run for about 2 minutes

- Fill container 1 with 1 cup of water
- Fill containers 2 and 3 with 6 cups of water each
- Add 1 drop of liquid chlorine bleach to container 2
- Add 2 drops of liquid chlorine bleach to container 3
- Test each container of water utilizing the strips and the manufacturer’s instructions
- Read test strips and compare to chart below

Instructions for testing free chlorine test strips at home

	Container 1	Container 2	Container 3
Amount of Tap Water	At least 1 cup	At least 6 cups	At least 6 cups
Amount of Bleach to Add	None	1 drop	2 drops
Amount of Free Chlorine Predicted	0 to <1 ppm	2-3 ppm	4-5 ppm
Your Average Reading			

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