

Dichlor-to-Bleach Hot Tub Switching Checklist

For homeowners changing from dichlor to liquid chlorine or plain unscented bleach.

1 Before You Start

- ☐ Read the hot tub manufacturer's manual
- ☐ Confirm the sanitizer method is compatible with the spa
- ☐ Check the actual water volume
- ☐ Confirm the water is clear and circulating properly
- ☐ Gather test kit, gloves, measuring container, and product labels

2 Water Test

Current free chlorine: _____ ppm
 Target free chlorine: _____ ppm
 Current CYA: _____ ppm
 Target CYA: _____ ppm
 pH: _____
 Total alkalinity: _____ ppm
 Water volume: _____ gallons / liters

3 Product Information

Dichlor product strength: _____ %
 Dichlor amount used: _____ oz / grams
 Liquid chlorine or bleach strength: _____ %
 Estimated chlorine dose: _____ fl oz / mL

5 Before Using the Hot Tub

- ☐ Sanitizer is within the recommended range
- ☐ pH is within the recommended range
- ☐ Water is clear
- ☐ No unusual chemical odor
- ☐ No visible foam or contamination
- ☐ Product label waiting time has passed

6 Notes

Date: _____ Next test date: _____

Brand/product used: _____

Notes: _____

4 Switching Steps

- ☐ Stop adding dichlor once the target CYA is reached
- ☐ Use only approved plain, unscented sodium hypochlorite
- ☐ Do not use scented, splashless, gel, or detergent-containing bleach
- ☐ Add the measured dose with circulation running
- ☐ Never mix chlorine with acids, bromine, ammonia, or other chemicals
- ☐ Keep the cover open according to the product label
- ☐ Allow the water to circulate
- ☐ Retest free chlorine and pH

Safe Switching Reminder

Use the calculator as a planning aid, then verify the final dose against your product label and your spa manufacturer's guidance. Switching methods does not change the need for regular testing and careful chemical handling.

Never mix pool or spa chemicals.

Store and dose products separately according to each label.

IMPORTANT This checklist is for general information only. Always follow your hot tub owner's manual, chemical product label, and local safety guidance. Never mix pool or spa chemicals.