

Vault Drainage Checklist

Questions to work through with your pool company before and after the season

Understanding Your Own Setup

1 Ask your installer whether your system uses a gravity drain line or a cover pump

This one answer decides almost everything else about upkeep.

2 Locate the vault lid and confirm it seats properly

A loose or damaged lid lets in far more water than a well-drained system was designed for.

3 Ask what the manufacturer's manual says about your specific model

Systems vary, and your model's own documentation is the most accurate source.

Seasonal Habits Worth Building In

1 Clear leaves and debris from around the housing after storms

Debris is one of the most common causes of a slow or blocked drain.

2 Check the vault before closing the cover for an extended stretch

Fall is when leaf litter and rainfall overlap the most.

3 Note how often a cover pump is cycling

A pump that never runs, or never stops, is both worth mentioning to your pool company.

When to Bring in a Professional

1 Standing water that has not gone down days after rain has stopped

Ask your pool company to check the drainage path rather than waiting it out.

2 Anything involving the motor wiring or control box

This is a licensed electrical contractor's job, not a homeowner fix.

3 A breaker near the pool that keeps tripping

Ask a licensed electrical contractor to look at it before resetting it repeatedly.

Bring this list to your fall closing appointment or your automatic cover technician's next visit.

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