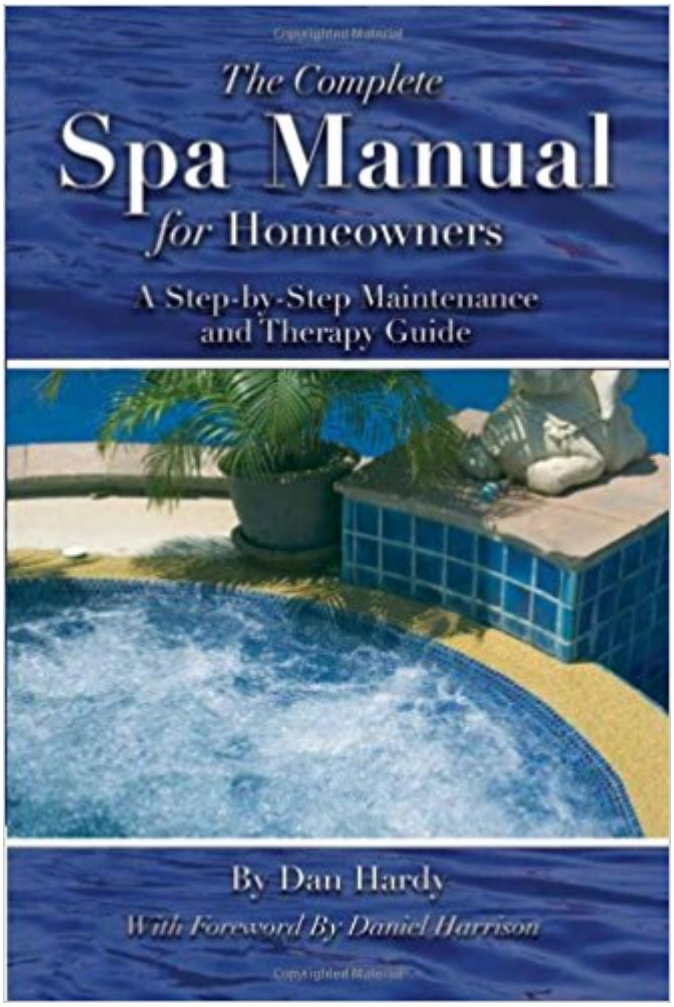
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The Complete Spa Manual For Homeowners: A Step-by-Step Maintenance And Therapy Guide



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Hot tubs and spas are a multimillion dollar business in the United States. As these amenities increase their appeal, they are becoming more and more common in health spas, locker rooms, hotels, cruise ships, and especially in the home. The Complete Spa Manual for Homeowners will provide you with all the information you need to know about hot tubs and spas, whether you are looking to buy one or already own one.In this book, you will learn how to determine what you want and what you need, how to clean your spa, how to install your spa, and how to control the settings on your spa. You will learn about the health benefits of hot water, including hydrotherapy, aromatherapy, reflexology, chromotherapy, and Watsu. You will also learn about soft sided spas, acrylic spas, cabinets, pumps, flow rate, skimmers, suction ports and drains, jets, special waters, covers, ozonators, heaters, permanent spas, blowers, spa packs, plumbing issues, alkalinity, water hardness, temperature, sanitizers, oxidizers, water analysis, the PH scale, and test kits. Also included is a discussion of cartridges, including sand and diatomaceous earth (DE), and water chemistry.Additionally, The Complete Spa Manual for Homeowners will provide you with tips for buying, realistic cost estimates, winterizing, and upgrade options. You will also find countless tricks and tools of the trade, as well as a directory of Web sites and manufacturers that sell low-cost replacement parts. This book is a source for easy-to-understand instructions for installation and repair and much, much more.Ã Â Whether you have a spa or hot tub for personal use or you are a business in the health care industry, this book will be your ultimate resource for buying, installing, and caring for your spa. The authorÃ¢â ¬â„¢s vast knowledge on the topic makes this book an engaging read that will simultaneously teach you everything you need to know.Atlantic Publishing is a small, independent publishing company based in Ocala, Florida. Founded over twenty years ago in the company presidentÃ¢â ¬â„¢s garage, Atlantic Publishing has grown to become a renowned resource for non-fiction books. Today, over 450 titles are in print covering subjects such as small business, healthy living, management, finance, careers, and real estate. Atlantic Publishing prides itself on producing award winning, high-quality manuals that give readers up-to-date, pertinent information, real-world examples, and case studies with expert advice.Ã Â Every book has resources, contact information, and web sites of the products or companies discussed. This Atlantic Publishing eBook was professionally written, edited, fact checked, proofed and designed. The print version of this book is 288 pages and you receive exactly the same content. Over the years our books have won dozens of book awards for content, cover design and interior design including the prestigious Benjamin Franklin award for excellence in publishing. We are proud of the high quality of our books and hope you will enjoy this eBook version.

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Customer Reviews

His background in pool maintenance began on his dad’s country club in Clovis, New Mexico, in 1976. Ten years later, he opened his own business delivering and setting up spas and doing pool work along with installing in-ground foundations for manufactured homes in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He moved to Ocala, Florida, in 1998 and opened Dan’s Perfect Pool Service, Pool Palace, Mount View Enterprises, LLC, and then D & C Enterprises. In 2007, he could not resist the chance to re-open another service company. He has worked on many fabulous pools for celebrities in Ocala, including John Travolta and Kelly Preston; Terri Jones-Thayer, former Miss World and Revlon(R)’s perfect Charlie Girl;" and Brock Marion, a former Dallas Cowboy. Dan graduated from Boys Ranch High School in Texas in 1971, and from General Motors Technical School in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in 1972. He attended Amarillo College for auto mechanics and studied mechanical engineering at Tacoma Community College in Washington. Besides a career as a pool professional, Dan is a licensed Realtor(R) in Florida and a partner with his wife, Carol, in real estate for a local brokerage. He has two daughters, Randi and Marcie, and two sons, Matthew and Michael. His pride is his grandkids: Austin Shane, Kenzy Marie, Shelby Lyn, and Seth Randall. For those needing assistance, Dan has a page on his Web site, www.bhpoolandspabook.com, to answer questions for people who have purchased this book.

I thought this would be more a fact text on chemicals.

I just bought a used spa and this book was invaluable as to how to clean, setup and maintain the Hot Tub. Very informative and mant tricks to keeping your spa up and running. Good read!Pete

If you are seriously considering the installation of a Spa you should read this book. Not quite what I was looking for. That said, the book talked me out of my project . . . but better to be well informed and a bit disappointed than to spend a lot of money and be disappointed.

I was disappointed in this book, because it did not do a good job of explaining the important aspects of water chemistry maintenance for a spa. It was certainly not a "step by step" guide as suggested in the subtitle. I am an engineer/scientist by training and disposition, so I was interested in learning about the theory and practical application of managing pH, akalinity (or hardness), sanitizer concentration, etc. but none was presented. I also would have appreciated a procedure-based approach (e.g., first check your pH and adjust, then check and adjust alkalinity, etc.) but that was done in a stream-of-consciousness manner, and spread throughout the text. The reader has take notes and then go construct such procedure from various chapters. I believe a good editor could have made this a much better book. Unfortunately, I have not yet found a better book to recommend over this one.

Spa ownership can be healthy and relaxing, but it can also be costly. A poorly maintained spa means having to hire a third party and pay for parts if you can’t do it yourself. The Complete Spa Manual for Homeowners is great for first-time buyers and owners who have fallen behind on the repair front.If you’re completely new to spas you can read it from cover to cover and get a good idea of what to look for when buying. You’ll get a good idea of the features you need based on your intended use. (You’ll have a general idea of standard pricing as well.) If your not interested in reading a spa manual cover to cover, it will still be useful purely as a reference. It’s logically structured so you’ll be able to find the necessary section quickly, and has a textbook style index in the back so looking things up is a breeze.All in all, it’s simple, straightforward, and practical. Everything you need to know about spas and a little more.

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