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Step-by-Step Guide to Opening Your Inground Pool	Check Off
Step 1: Prep the Area	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sweep the pool deck to remove leaves, dirt, and debris.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hose down the deck if it has stubborn stains.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trim any overhanging branches or shrubs.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure the area is free from tripping hazards.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Step 2: Remove the Pool Cover	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use a pool cover pump to remove standing water.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brush off leaves and dirt with a broom or skimmer net.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fold and lift the cover off the pool with at least 2 people.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Step 3: Clean and Store the Cover	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rinse the cover thoroughly with a garden hose.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use mild soap or a pool cover cleaner for stubborn stains.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allow it to dry completely before folding and storing.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Store the cover in a protective bag or container.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Step 4: Reconnect and Inspect Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Remove all winterizing plugs from returns and skimmers.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reinstall drain plugs and lubricate O-rings.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inspect the pump, filter, and heater for damage.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Test equipment switches for proper operation.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reattach ladders, rails, and diving boards.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Step 5: Top Up the Water and Prime the System	<input type="checkbox"/>

Use a garden hose to top up the pool until the water level reaches the middle of the skimmer.

Prime the pump by filling the pump basket with water.

Turn on the filtration system and check for leaks.

Step 6: Water Testing and Balancing

Test the water chemistry using a testing kit.

Adjust alkalinity, pH, and calcium hardness levels as needed.

Step 7: Shock and Algaecide Treatment

Dissolve shock granules in a bucket of water before adding.

Distribute the solution evenly across the pool.

Run the pool filter overnight.

Step 8: Final Filtration and Cleaning

Run the filtration system for at least 24 hours.

Skim the surface, vacuum the pool floor, and brush the walls.

Clean or backwash the filter if necessary.

Step 9: Retest Pool Water for 5 Key Parameters

Test the pool water chemistry for key parameters.

Adjust levels as required and add Trichlor tablets.

