



## Water Sanitation Instructions for Zen Bathworks Wooden Tubs

As you care for your hot tub, keep in mind that a hot tub is not merely a small pool. Due to the high water temperature and the small amount of water, 4 people in a tub is equivalent to 300 people in a backyard pool. For this reason it is important to properly sanitize your tub. Follow these guidelines:

1. Fill the tub with fresh water
2. **IMPORTANT!** Test the water pH with test strips. The ideal range is 7.4 or 7.5. Use the Spa Up and Spa Down to get the pH in the range of 7.2 to 7.6. Check the pH once a week and adjust as necessary. The test strips are for pH only – not for testing chlorine.
3. If you have a UV purifier, make sure it is plugged into the outlet on your spa controller marked “ozone” (The UV purifier is an optional item) The UV will glow at the clear end (check after dark) when the pump is running. If you don’t see it, the bulb needs to be replaced.
4. If the tub has just been filled, add 2 tablespoons of DiChlor (Spa 56) and run the pump for 30 minutes. Twice per week shock the tub with 2 tablespoons granulated DiChlor and run the pump for 30 minutes. Important! – add DiChlor **AFTER** tub use or at least 2 hours prior to use. If tub is heavily used, up this schedule to 3 times per week. Do not use more than 2 tablespoons at a time. Overdosing with Chlorine will damage your tub.
5. Granulated DiChlor has a short life in the water – about an hour and it goes away so there should be no chlorine smell. We recommend only Spa 56 DiChlor for this use. This type of chlorine will not register on test strips typically.
6. Clean the filter every 2 weeks. This is crucial. Best practice is to have 2 filters in rotation. Clean the dirty filter and allow to air dry before reusing. Replace your filters once each year.
7. If the water seems unclean, best practice is to drain the tub, scrub it out with soapy water, rinse and refill with fresh water and start over with step #1. If the tub has a growth of alga or bacteria, disinfect after washing with a mild solution of water mixed with household bleach in a ratio of 3 tablespoons per gallon. Spray or wipe on to all surfaces and allow to work for 15 minutes. Rinse well. Be sure to restart with a clean filter.

### General Information

- Never heat your tub above 104 degrees. Higher temperatures can cause health problems.
- Always shower before using your tub.
- Always read the label instructions of products prior to using and use only as directed.
- Never add chemicals when people are in the tub.
- Store chemicals in a cool dry location out of direct sunlight.
- Periodically check the bulb of the UV purifier and replace if burned out (about every 3 years)
- We recommend that you change the tub water every 4-8 week, or as necessary.