



# HOT TUB BUYER'S GUIDE

**FREEFLOW SPAS®**



# HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO OPERATE A HOT TUB?

Freeflow® spas are certified to the strict guidelines set forth by the California Energy Commission (CEC) in accordance with California law. That being said, everyone's operating cost is different. It will depend on which model you have, the temperature you set, your frequency of use, the ambient temperature, and the cost of electricity where you live. Typically, consumers see an increase of \$20-\$50 in their monthly electric bill.





# WHAT IS A ROTOMOLDED HOT TUB?

Rotationally molded describes the manufacturing process by which polyethylene resin is poured into a hot tub mold. The mold is then heated and spun, allowing the resin to melt and coat the inside of the mold. The finished product is a unibody hot tub where the shell and cabinet are all one piece. What does this mean to you? It's simple:

- No extra internal structure or fiberglass backing required
- Cost savings due to reduced material and labor costs
- Durable and light-weight (move them across your backyard or the country with ease!)





# WHO MANUFACTURES FREEFLOW SPAS?

Watkins Wellness<sup>®</sup>, the global hot tub leader and manufacturer of more than 1.5 million hot tubs, manufactures Freeflow Spas. It is also part of Masco Corporation, a Fortune 500 company whose family of quality home products include Delta<sup>®</sup> faucets, Behr<sup>®</sup> paint, and Hansgrohe cabinets. Other brands made by Watkins include Hot Spring Spas<sup>®</sup>, Caldera Spas<sup>®</sup>, Endless Pools<sup>®</sup>, and Fantasy Spas<sup>®</sup>.

The unmatched experience of Watkins Wellness means unsurpassed quality and long-term reliability for you and your family.





# DO I NEED TO UPGRADE MY ELECTRICAL?

Freeflow® spas are 110-volt, Plug-N-Play hot tubs that do not require any special wiring. Because it only draws 11 amps, you can simply fill it up, plug in the GFCI plug into a regular outlet, and enjoy!

All Freeflow Spas® hot tubs come standard as a 110-volt hot tub, but any model can easily be converted to 220-volts by a licensed electrician.





# WILL A 110-VOLT MEET MY NEEDS?

Freeflow Spas® hot tubs come with full-foam insulation and a thermal locking cover for maximum heat retention, so your spa is always hot and ready, whenever you are. Your hot tub was designed to stay at the temperature you set it at, even if it's snowy and cold outside!





# 110-VOLT VS 220-VOLT?

Both 110-volt and 220-volt spas will keep the water hot around the clock. Converting a hot tub to a higher voltage has absolutely no effect on jet performance when they are in use.

If converted to 220-volt, the spa heats the water faster on the initial fill. Additionally, 220-volt spas can heat the water while the jets are on high. This simply means that if you keep it as a 110-volt with the jets on high, you may see a drop of a few degrees.





# HOW MANY JETS DO I NEED?

You might think that more jets equal a better hot tubbing experience. This is not necessarily the case. The Freeflow Spas® engineering team has calibrated and measured each tub for optimal jet flow and user experience. Consider how many jets each person can comfortably sit in front of and how many people will be using the tub simultaneously. Knowing this will help you determine how many jets is best for you.





# HOW DO I CARE FOR MY HOT TUB?

Freeflow® spas are extremely durable and weather resistant. To clean your tub, simply wipe it down with a damp cloth and use a nonabrasive cleanser. For stubborn spots or a deeper clean, a nonabrasive cleaner will be most effective.

You should also drain your spa every 5-6 months or when the water starts to look dirty. All you need to do is pull the hose bib out from under the recess of the spa, unscrew the cap, and attach a garden hose to direct the water to an appropriate draining area (optional).





# WHAT DOES WATER CARE LOOK LIKE FOR A FREEFLOW SPA?

Water care for a Freeflow Spas® hot tub is easier than you think! Take a few minutes each day to check your water and adjust the pH, alkalinity, and chlorine as needed. A weekly shock will also help keep your water clean and clear.

Pair those steps with a monthly hose off of your filter to clean out any particles lodged between the pleats, and you'll have water care under control.





# WHAT DO I DO IF I NEED A REPLACEMENT PART, ACCESSORY, OR HOT TUB SERVICE?

We've got you covered! You can do all the above through your local Freeflow Spas® dealer. You can also contact our team of experts Monday through Friday, 8-5 pm (PST) at 888-961-7727 or email them at [ahsservice@watkinsmfg.com](mailto:ahsservice@watkinsmfg.com).







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