



FILTER CLEANING



Pool and Spa Filter Cartridge Cleaning Guide

WHEN TO CLEAN:

- **For Pools:** Clean the cartridge(s) when the pressure gauge on the tank reads **8 psi above the initial system pressure**. Tip: Measure the psi with a clean pool filter first, and avoid letting the pressure exceed 8 psi over this initial reading.
- **For Spas:** Clean the cartridge(s) when you notice a **decrease in water jet performance** or when spa features like waterfalls are not functioning as well. This will depend on how frequently you use your spa.

HOW TO CLEAN:

1. **Follow the Manufacturer's Instructions:** Begin by referring to your specific manufacturer's instructions on how to safely remove your filters.
2. **Turn Off the Power:**
 - For Pools: Turn off the power to your pump and bleed the pressure from the tank before removing its top section.
 - For Spas: Turn off the power to the spa and release any pressure in the system.
3. **Remove and Rinse the Filters:** Take out the filter(s) and hose them off thoroughly to remove dirt and debris. Avoid using high-pressure washers, which can damage the filters.
4. **Deep Cleaning (Optional):**
 - Soak your filters for at least one hour or preferably overnight for a thorough clean.
 - Use a filter cleaner like Jack's Magic Filter Cleaner for a faster turnaround.
 - Tip: It's a good idea to have a spare set of filters to use while you deep-clean the first set.
5. **Handling High Bather Loads (Oils, Lotions, etc.):** For filters clogged with oils or lotions, soak them overnight in one of the following solutions:
 - Detergent: Mix 1 cup of detergent with 5 gallons of water.
 - Trisodium Phosphate: Mix 1 cup with 5 gallons of water. (Always wear waterproof gloves and goggles when handling chemicals.)
 - Enzymes: Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
 - Filter Cleaner (like Jack's Magic Filter Cleaner): Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
6. **Algae-Contaminated Filters:** Soak the filters in a solution of water and pool algaecide for 15-30 minutes. Follow the dosage instructions provided by the algaecide manufacturer. (Always wear gloves and goggles when handling chemicals.)
7. **Rinse Thoroughly:** Make sure to rinse the filters well before putting them back into your pool or spa equipment.
8. **Reassemble Equipment:** Follow the manufacturer's instructions to properly reassemble your pool or spa system.

SAFETY REMINDER:

Always use gloves and eyewear when working with cleaning solutions. Safety first!

