

CLOUDY WATER

There are more than 100 reasons for a pool to go cloudy. The cause can be anything from improper water balance to an undersized filter.

There are 3 parts to pool water clarity:
Water Circulation, Filtration and Chemistry.

First - check water circulation. Put your hand in front of a return jet to see if the pressure is strong. Also, point your return eyeballs/jets parallel to the water surface or slightly downward – this provides better water circulation at the bottom of the pool. You really do not want to see a strong current on the top of the water.

Second – remove all debris from bottom of pool & skim any obvious debris off the top. Empty your skimmer and pump baskets of all debris. Backwash if you have a sand or DE filter using the sight glass as a guide. Clean cartridge filters. Also, inspect DE grids and paper cartridge filters for holes and replace if needed. Paper cartridges should be replaced after 3 years. Note: paper cartridge filters should not be used with Baquacil sanitizing products.

Third – check pH, Alkalinity, Hardness & Sanitizer levels and adjust if needed. If all are good, shock your pool at normal levels (1 lb/10,000 gallons, or 1 gallon Baquacil Oxidizer/10,000 gallons)

Keep pump running 24 hrs until pool clears. Repeated cleaning of the filter may be necessary.

Products like Enzyme Treat, Clarifiers and Phosphate Removers are available to treat cloudy pools, however, these products should not be used unless the process above has been performed.

Questions/problems – visit Pools Patios & Porches with pictures of your pool and pool equipment.

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