

How Do I Keep The Ducks Out Of My Pool?

We seem to be hearing the following question more and more—“How do I keep the ducks out of my pool?” They can obviously make a mess—feathers & poop! Many different methods have been attempted, some have been more successful than others. Oftentimes running the automatic pool cleaner will do the trick, because ducks are easily frightened.

Sometimes this method does not phase the ducks. Here are some other options:

- **Pool cover**—Solar covers are most often used, although other types of covers can also be used as well. Solar Covers seem to work the best from keeping ducks from landing on your pool, but are fairly impractical to use during the swim season

- **Inflatable pool animals**— Like previously mentioned, ducks can scare easily. Inflatable animals that look like alligators, sharks, snakes, etc. can be used to scare the ducks enough to prevent them from landing

on your pool.
Dog—Dogs seem to keep ducks away from a pool, not only their presence, but their bark. Especially, Labrador Retrievers, because they tend to love the water and to chase animals.

Firecrackers—Although not allowed within city limits, firecrackers or gunshots (up in the air, not at the ducks!) is a method that could be used to temporarily get rid of the ducks in your pool.

The solution that seems to be most efficient and effective is a product called **Duck Off**. This product breaks the surface tension of the water of that it makes it difficult for the ducks to float on the water. Following is more information on the product:

Duck Off—benefits

- Reduces the surface tension of the water.
- Not harmful to ducks or humans.
- Can be used in all types of pool finishes.
- Compatible with all recognized sanitizers and other pool additives.

Duck Off—important notes

- This product essentially makes it hard for the ducks to float on water because of the surface tension.
- This product may have an odor and cause the pool to foam for a short period of time.
- Use Duck Off only when ducks are present in the pool.
- Use caution when ducklings are present.

Duck Off—dosage rate

1 Gallon treats 10,000 gallons pool water

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