

Treating Cloudy Water in Pools

One of the most common problems that occur in swimming pools is cloudy water. The culprit is usually either a water chemistry imbalance or insufficient filter operation.

Water chemistry problems that could cause cloudy water include high pH or calcium hardness levels, high levels of total dissolved solids, low sanitizer levels, or algae. If you have cloudy water and suspect that it is a water chemistry problem, simply test the water and treat as recommended or better yet, bring a sample (approximately one pint) of your pool water to Gohlke Pools. We will be glad to analyze the situation and recommend treatment.

Filtration problems that could cause cloudy water include poor water circulation due to debris in a pump basket or skimmer basket, or it could be a problem with your filter, depending on what type of filter you have. Be sure that you clean your filter regularly (try using **Filter Cleaner** or **Pure 'N Clean**), as dirty filters can cause cloudy water.

Sand Filter

Your sand should be replaced every 3-5 years. If you are unable to clear up cloudy water, this is almost certainly the problem.

D.E. Filter

You could have a torn D.E. filter grid, which allows D.E. to enter the pool, causing cloudy water.

Cartridge Filter

You could have a torn cartridge or need to replace it due to age.

The best long term solution to cloudy water is to find out what is causing it and take care of the problem. In the short term, however, there are water clarifiers available such as the following:

TurboBlu Blue

This is a very effective product that will help clear a slightly cloudy pool.

Flocculant

This product works best in extremely cloudy pools.

These clarifiers basically coagulate particles so that they become large enough to fall out of solution and be trapped by the filter.

There are many pool owners who use TurboBlu on a regular basis to prevent cloudy water. This is especially recommended during the swim season, because cloudy water might keep you from enjoying your pool safely.

BE SURE TO READ ALL LABEL DIRECTIONS BEFORE ADDING ANY PRODUCT TO YOUR SWIMMING POOL.

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