

The Deep End

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It's Very Febrrrrrrrruary!

The cold front is here...and so is rainy season, apparently!
It's a great time to get a solar cover for your pool.

- Add heat to warm your pool.
- Cut down on evaporative loss of water.
- Spend less on chemicals adjusting make-up water.
- Keep leaves and debris out of your pool.

If you add a reel, taking the cover on and off is one-person operation.

We have several sizes in stock, ready to go!



GREEN products are available at Pool Patrol.

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To thank all of our service customers, we are offering a chance for [one moth of free maintenance!](#)

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We'll pick one lucky winner at the end of April.

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Question Line

Q : My pool was fine last week. Now it is starting to look cloudy. What happened?

A : Great question. We get this one all the time.

There are several factors that can contribute to a cloudy pool: the environment, your filter, and your pool chemicals.

1. The environment: birds, iguanas, trees, construction, the sun, people, etc. can all

add cloudiness to your pool.

2. Your filter: your pump needs to run 8-10 hours a day to ensure proper filtration. Remember, the filter only works when the pump is circulating water through it. Filter sand needs changed every 5 years or so.

3. Your pool chemicals: An excessive amount of pool chemicals can make the water cloudy. This includes high pH, high alkalinity & high calcium hardness.

HAPPY SWIMMING!

How to Clear Up That Cloudy Pool

So, your pool is a cloudy mess and you can't even see the bottom drain covers. Don't get too stressed. We can clear this up pretty quickly.

There are several different factors that can cause your pool to turn cloudy. Assuming your chemicals are in balance, let's take a look at a few solutions.

1. USE A CLARIFIER-This is a very simple answer to your problem. A pool clarifier is intended to take the tiny, little particles in your water and help coagulate them together into a larger particle so that your filter is better able to grab them out of suspension.

This is an aid for your filter to help it pick up smaller particles that might normally pass through. And sand filters only grab particles down to about 20 microns or so.

2. USE A FLOCCULANT-Flocculants are similar to clarifiers,

but act in a totally different manner, and with a little extra work.

When you add a floc, as it is usually called, it will attach to the smaller particles and cause them to

settle out of suspension to the pool floor. Now you will have a cloudy mess on the floor of your pool.

When the floc and debris settle out, you will need to do a manual vacuuming of the pool. In order to completely remove the

problem, you will want to vac to "WASTE", not the normal "FILTER" vac like usual. This way, you are getting the cloudy water out of the pool entirely.

This is not an aid for your filter, as it will cause everything to fall to the floor.

3. USE THE FILTER SYSTEM & MAIN DRAIN-Your filter will do a great job of clearing cloudy water, assuming it works right and you use it to your advantage.

Open the main drain valve all the way so it can pull from the bottom of the pool. The skimmers will only clear up the top of your water; drains work better by pulling from the bottom.

The longer the pump runs, the quicker your filter can clear up the water. Set the pump to run continuously and your water will clear up that much faster. If all else fails, just give us a call!

