

How to Recover a Cloudy Pool

If you look after your pool correctly then it should be so clear that you can make out whether a coin on the bottom is heads or tails. If you can't, one of several things could be wrong.

Always check your circulation and filtration system, and make sure the flow from the inlets is powerful enough and not weak, if not increase the filter running time to 24 hours per day until the water clears. The filter must be in proper working order, with clean filter media and the pump should be running for at least 8 hours a day – longer when the pool is being heavily used.

Check the chlorine level, is it below 1mg/l? Are chloramines present? If the sanitiser level drops then bacteria and algae may invade, or organic wastes can build up causing water to cloud and lose its sparkle. Maintain chlorine levels between 1 to 3mg/l, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If the pH level of the water is over 7.6, it may cause cloudiness and scale build up. If the total alkalinity of the water is over 150mg/l, it can cause cloudy water and scale information. You will need to monitor pH and total alkalinity and adjust as necessary.

Check for signs of Algae, make sure the walls or other fixtures are not slick or slimy. Algae growth in its early stages may not be visible, or may show up as black or mustard spots on the pool surface. If this is the case then shock dose your pool.

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