



## Why is my Pool Cloudy

A cloudy pool is generally a sign of low chlorine levels or poor filtration. Before taking a water sample to the shop ensure that your filtration system is functioning correctly.

Carry out the following checks:

1. Ensure water level is correct.
2. Clean out skimmer and pump baskets.
3. Backwash or clean your filter.
4. Check that your salt water chlorinator or liquid chlorine feeder is on, functioning normally and that the timer is set correctly.

Many factors can lead to cloudy water; here are some solutions to the more common causes:

- Hot weather and heavy use can result in a drop to chlorine levels and can lead to a pool becoming cloudy. During heat waves or heavy pool usage test your water daily and if chlorine levels are not being sustained consider increasing run times or manually 'boosting' chlorine levels with Liquid/Granular chlorine or Salt Water Booster.
- Poor Filtration can be a direct cause of cloudy water. Your filter is designed to physically remove any debris and 'filter out' any contaminants from the water. Due to age or malfunction occasionally filters are no longer able to contain the debris, resulting in a gradual reduction in water quality. If this is the case you may find that you have persistent cloudy water regardless of correct water balance. If you suspect this please contact us on 9876 2931.
- Failed Paint Surfaces can lead to cloudy water when a pool is in use. As pool paint ages it can come chalky and literally begin to rub off on your hands and feet. When in heavy use this rubbing of the paint surface can result in a pool becoming increasingly cloudy. This type of cloud will generally filter out when usage reduces during the week. There is little that can be done to prevent this other than repainting the pool.
- Storm runoff is a common cause of cloudy pool water. This problem is usually characterised by a brown colouration in the water. Depending on the severity of the problem flocking may be the best solution and it is important to carry out this process quickly so as to prevent the dirty water contaminating your filter. Should the problem be unmanageable then draining the pool may be required.