



## BACKWASH SAND FILTER

CHECK THE AREA AROUND THE POOL/SPA AND EQUIPMENT,  
MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO SAFETY HAZARDS.

**All control and equipment switches must be turned off.**

**Do not turn on the pool light while the pool is empty. It is a water cooled device. Property damage and personal injury could result if the light is turned on when not submerged.**

1. Fill the pool with a garden hose in the deep end of the pool. Do not use the fill line built into the pool as it will leave a streak down the center of the pool. Fill the pool until the water level is at the center of the tiles.
2. Adjust the valves at the equipment, if any are present, to the settings that are normal for your pool.
3. Once the pool is full. Prime (fill) the pump strainer pot with water. Close the lid, turn on the pump and run the pump until the water is flowing thru the pump. Usually one minute.
  - o If, after one minute, the water is not flowing thru the pump turn off the pump and prime it again.
  - o Once water is flowing thru the pump, bleed the air out of the filter thru the air relief valve located on top of the filter until water comes out, then close the air bleeder.
  - o If you have an earth type filter add the manufacturer's recommended amounts of earth (usually 1ea. 1 lb. coffee can of earth per 5 sq. ft. of filter area) into the skimmer. 36 sq. ft. = 7 cans. If you have a cartridge or rapid sand type filter, no additives are needed. Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
4. Add chlorine, muriatic acid, conditioner or stabilizer, as needed. Follow the manufacturer's instructions that come on the product, as each brand of chemical is slightly different.
5. **Use your test kit.** Test the water every day for the first week. Add needed chemicals per your test and the manufacturer's instructions.

After a few days to a week of adding small amounts of recommended chemicals, per the chemical manufacturer's instructions, the pool water should be balanced. (If not, seek competent advice and instruction)

After the pool water chemical levels are balanced, testing the pool water and adding chemicals every few days, should be sufficient for normal residential use.