

Technical Information Bulletin

Bushfires

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide a method to remove potential contaminants from affected pools.

Many pool owners report having significant problems with dirty and cloudy pools. The causes of these problems are mainly due to ash fallout and other various contaminants from fire.

If the affected pool has been in the direct path of the fire, it is likely to have lost much water from, either fire fighting or evaporation, and is now most likely full of heavy debris and excessive amounts of ash.

For this degree of severity, it would be advisable to empty the pool (taking all precautions regarding this procedure) and start all over again (subject to local/state government water restrictions). First, clean the shell then refill and balance the water. Remember to initially add Burn Out Extreme[®] oxidiser, then follow up with your preferred BioGuard[®] algaecide, as this is an essential part of the BioGuard 3-Step Program.

For pools not directly in the path of the fire, but have been affected by ash fallout, the following procedure is recommended to rectify the problem:

- Step 1** Adjust pH to 7.2 to 7.4, then backwash the filter in preparation for treatment. To remove excessive organic contamination, use triple the dose of Burn Out Extreme[®]. The clarifying quality makes this product the preferred oxidiser. Filter the water for a minimum of 12 hours; monitor the filter pressure and backwash as needed.
- Step 2** Clean the water line with BioGuard SPA Squeaky Clean[™] according to the label instructions (also test on a small isolated area prior to use). Replace lost water due to backwashing. Balance the water as per the BioGuard Water Test Analysis Program. If fallout is still occurring, rebalance pH to 7.2 to 7.4 (the fallout may cause the pH to rise).
- Step 3** If water remains white and cloudy, add two Super Clear Clarifying Tabs[™] or Polysheen[™] Plus at the rate of 30mL per 10,000 litres. Do not overdose. Filter the water for a minimum of 12 hours; monitor the filter pressure and backwash as required.
- Step 4** Clean the filter with Filter-Brite[™] to remove contaminants.
- Step 5** Control bacteria using your preferred BioGuard sanitiser.
Dosage: 1.5 times the usual dosage rate for at least the next two to three weeks.

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