

## How do I clean my filter?

Firstly, you will need to work out what type of filter you have. There are 2 types of filters:

1. **Sand Filters** are large, round containers in which the filter media is housed and it usually has a top mounted Multi Port Valve with a handle.
2. **Cartridge Filters** are cylindrical in shape had have a removable lid with a paper type fabric element/s inside.

### Backwashing & rinsing sand filters

1. To backwash your filter, unplug any vacuum hoses or automatic pool cleaners from your skimmer box and remove the vacuum plate.
2. Ensure there's enough water in the pool to allow for water loss during backwashing & rinsing.
3. Turn off your pool pump and clean out your pump basket, then refill with water and replace the lid.
4. While the pump is turned off, depress the Multi Port Valve handle and rotate until the locater is in the BACKWASH position which is usually placed 180 degrees from FILTER. Turn on your pump and run for approximately 2 minutes or until the viewing glass is clear.
5. Turn off your pump. Depress Multi Port Valve handle and rotate to RINSE. Turn on your pump and run for 1 minute or until the viewing glass is clear
6. Turn off your pump. Depress your Multi Port Valve handle and rotate back to FILTER.
7. Turn on your pump – your filter has now been backwashed and rinsed.

### Cleaning cartridge filters

1. To clean your filter cartridge/s firstly turn the system off and ensure any isolation valves are in the off position.
2. Release the air bleeder valve filter lid and remove.
3. Remove the filter element from within the filter tank.
4. Hose element down to remove any debris and dirt. Biodegradable Filter Cleaners and tools are available from The Poolstore.
5. Your filter element should now be clean and appear to have a uniform shape. If it appears saggy or the element is fuzzy rather than smooth then you may require a new element. Note the brand and model number of your filter when ordering a replacement in store. Alternatively, bring in your old element and we will find you a replacement.
6. Once the element is clean or a replacement has been sourced, replace the element within the tank, replace the lid and open the isolation valves – your system should now be ready to go.

Please give us a call on **9583 1470** if you require assistance with any of the above.