

BACKWASHING D.E. FILTERS

1. Empty the skimmers
2. Turn the pump off and empty the pump trap basket
3. WITH THE PUMP STILL OFF, put the valve on “backwash” and turn the pump on and let it run until the water is in the sight of glass runs clear, but no more than 1-2 minutes.
4. Turn the pump off and put the backwash valve on “filter” and run for about 10 seconds
5. Repeat step #3 and #4 two more times
6. Turn the pump off and put the valve back into “filter: position
7. Turn pump back on
8. When you are done backwashing and the backwash valve is back in the filter position, slowly add the proper amount of D.E. (use the chart below) to the pool by feeding the D.E. through the skimmer.

36 Square foot filter system	5-6lbs D.E.
48 Square foot filter system	7-8 lbs D.E.
60 Square foot filter system	9 lbs D.E.
72 Square foot filter system	12 lbs D.E.

Points to take note of:

*You should backwash your D.E. Filter whenever the pressure has risen 8-10 lbs above your start up/ normal pressure

* You ABSOLUTLY need to add the correct amount of D.E. to the skimmer EVERYTIME you backwash!

FYI:

- A D.E. Filter offers possibly the best filtration for your pool, but it also requires a certain level of maintenance to ensure proper functioning. It is important to know that the D.E. that you add to the skimmer is what coats your filter grids and allows for filtration of very fine particles fro, your pool and prevents the return of these particles back to your pool. Lastly, keep in mind that you do not want to run your D.E, filter for more then 12-14 hours . If your pool is clean and clear 8-10 hours may be as long as you need to run your filter to keep your pool clean. Without any shut down time, your D.E. filter grids are unable to be re-coated with D.E. powder; therefore, your pool will experience very little to no filtration.