

# NewsSplash

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### **Product of the Month**

<u> 2 Litre Algaecide</u>



This is a specialised complex formulation developed for the destruction and control of algae in all types of swimming pools.

#### **Benefits**

- 1. Supports Salt Chlorinators without affecting efficiency of salt cell.
- 2. Suitable for treating green, mustard and pink algae.
- 3. Contains no metals.
- 4. Wetting agent helps alter surface tension assisting in repelling ducks.
- 5. Perfect for green pool clean up.

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### **Fixing Cloudy Water**

One of *the most commonly occurring pool problems is cloudy water.* A large number of pool owners battle this issue, which doesn't necessarily pose a health risk to swimmers but can look unsightly. Cloudy water can be caused by a chemical or mineral imbalance, or by a large amount of fine particles such as dirt suspended in the water. Luckily, *there are two main solutions* to help with you with this problem. *Floc and Water Clarifier*, a specially designed polymer agent that will help eliminate floating particles that are causing the issue. *This is how each solution works:* 

#### <u> Aluminium Sulphate (Floc)</u>

This solution works by trapping the floating particles. When administered to your pool water, the aluminium *forms a gel-like precipitate* that bridges or sticks together. The alum precipitate then forms small bundles (called flocs) that trap suspended particles. *This is called flocculation*, and it leads to a large amount of sediment forming on the bottom of the pool made up of both the dirt (suspended particles) and the gel-like alum precipitate. *The sediment can then be easily vacuumed out.* **Polymers (Water Polish)** 

Similar to the aluminium sulphate, *the polymers attach to the floating particles* making the water cloudy; their long molecular structure attracts smaller particles due to a charged nature. *They then clump together to form one particle, which drops to the bottom of the pool.* These larger particles can therefore be removed from the water by filtration or by vacuuming.

If the purpose is to *clarify slightly cloudy or hazy water*, it is better to use a water clarifier than floc, as it is faster and less of a hassle to use. If the water is really dirty -- if you can only see down into the water an inch or two -- then a one-time dose of floc may be better than multiple doses of a water clarifier.

Head into Donemans to check out these two treatments options.





BEFORE

#### AFTER

#### Wild weather, green pools

Queensland is often marked by high temperatures and in certain regions, humidity – not to mention heavy rains and thunderstorms. That can cause problems with swimming pools. But *there's no need to worry*! With a little extra TLC, *you can keep the water in pristine condition*.

To ensure your pool stays in pristine condition during the changes in weather, *here are some top tips:* 

#### After periods of heavy rain

• *Pool water needs to be re-balanced*. It's as easy as *taking a sample of pool water* from elbow depth (as this is more circulated water) and bringing it into Donemans Pool Centre for a *FREE* computerised water test. • Scoop out as much debris from the pool as possible.

- If the pool is particularly dirty, *increase the hours of filter* operation until the pool is clear.
- In times of heavy rainfall, there is more demand for *algaecides which kill algae*.

• With about 80 per cent of pools now being salt water, there is more demand for salt, as this makes the pool saline and creates a natural chlorination. Extra Chlorine may also be needs if the water gets really dirty.

- Backwash the filter on your pool to optimise filter efficiency.
- Check and empty the skimmer basket and the hair and lint filter located in front of the pump.

• *Chlorine is the best defence against algae* – particularly during hot weather and if you have a salt pool, you can use the 'super chlorinate' button on your salt chlorinator to help fix the problem.

• Another demand on pool water is the level of phosphates in the water. Algae love phosphates and feed on them. *Phosphates are introduced to the pool primarily via bird and bat droppings, roof water added into the pool, and swimming costumes which have been washed in detergent containing phosphates.* 

• *If the pH level is too high* it can affect the efficiency of the chlorine in the pool. This can be addressed by adding acid to the water. If the pH level is too low, the water will start to hurt eyes and skin and make swimmers feel itchy. *Correct pH levels make the pool comfortable to swim in.* 





#### Give your Filter & Pump a Complete Overhaul

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