



Sand Filter Settings & What They Mean

***ALWAYS** turn your pump off before changing the position of the filter valve & move handle clockwise*

- **Filter/Filtration:** This is what setting you'll normally keep the filter on. In this setting, water is pulled from the pool, through the skimmer, into the pump to the sand filter where it then is filtered through the sand, once the water gets to the bottom of the filter, it will go through the laterals, up through the standpipe, then returning back into your pool through the return jet.
- **Waste/Drain:** In this setting the water will run directly from the pump into the filter head and out onto the ground, meaning that the water will never actually go through your sand or back into your pool. This setting will "waste" a lot of water, so we always recommend using this setting when you need to vacuum up fine particles, like yellow algae, water mold, etc. Basically, you'll use this setting anytime you're needing to clean up a dirty pool. We also recommend when using this setting, to leave your garden hose running into the pool while vacuuming so you don't lose too much water.
- **Winter/Winterize:** This is the setting you'll use when you close your pool for the winter season. This position props up the filter head in order to prevent water from gathering, freezing, and cracking your filter head.
- **Closed/test:** If your filter head doesn't have a "winter" position, the manufacturer wants you to use this position when closing your pool. This setting doesn't let water in or out of the filter.
NEVER TURN THE PUMP ON WITH THE FILTER ON THIS SETTING
- **Backwash:** This setting reverses the flow of water through the filter, basically cleaning the sand. You'll only want to backwash your pool if your pressure gauge shows 10 additional pounds of pressure than your usual (everyone's filter pressure varies, your pressure will also go up every year), always backwash until the water going through the sight glass or out of the filter runs cloudy or clear, usually this will be around 2-4 minutes. ***Always go to "RINSE" after "backwash"***
- **Recirculate/whirlpool/bypass:** runs pool water from the pump, into the filter head, back into the pool, never touching the sand. In this setting, you're just moving the water.
- **Rinse:** This setting basically rinses the lines out, ensuring that none of the dirt or debris goes back into your pool after backwashing the filter.

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