

How To Backwash Sand Filter

1. To prevent damage to the plumbing or valve you must first **TURN OFF THE POOL PUMP** before moving the multiport valve handle. For maximum safety turn off the power at the circuit breaker to the pump.
2. Your pool filter valve is probably at the **FILTER** setting for normal operation. Depress the multiport valve handle and move it to the **BACKWASH** setting. To prevent damage to the multiport valve seal, always depress the handle fully before turning.
3. Make sure your **WASTE** hose is laid out to where you want to dump the waste water.
4. Turn the power back on and run the pool pump for at least 2 minutes. The water in the sight glass on the side of the valve will change from cloudy to clear.
5. Turn the power back **OFF**.
6. Depress the multiport valve handle and turn it to the **RINSE** setting. After backwashing, the sand is loose and needs to be reset. Also any dirty water from backwashing has to be rinsed out of the filter to **WASTE** to prevent it from returning to the pool.
7. Turn the pump back **ON** and run filter at the **RINSE** setting for 1 to 2 minutes.
8. Turn the Pump **OFF**. Depress the multiport valve handle and turn it to the **FILTER** setting.
9. Turn the pool pump **ON** for normal filter operation. Check your pressure gauge to ensure that the pressure has dropped 8 - 10 psi from where it was before backwashing the pool filter.

