

# Vacuuming a Pool

These instructions apply only to pools built by Swimming Pool Services Inc. in conjunction with manufacturer's instructions for any specified product.

1. Attach vac head to vac pole.
2. Attach vac hose to vac head. Make sure you attach the correct end. (The end that swivels, or it may say "attach to vac head")
3. Submerge vac head (on the pole, with hose attached) into the pool.
4. Attach skim vac adapter to end of vac hose. (Opposite end of vac head).
5. Hold end of the vac hose (that is not attached to vac head) up to the return line (this is where the water comes back into the pool) in the pool. This is to fill hose with water so the pump doesn't have to suck out all of the air. Continue to hold the hose over the return until air bubbles stop coming out of the vac head. It will sink down to the bottom of the pool.
6. Make sure skimmer basket is in place and not full of debris.  
**NOTE: Never vacuum without skimmer basket in place or if basket is cracked or broken.**
7. Put skim vac adapter over the whole basket.
8. Proceed to vacuum, making sure to go slow so that you do not stir up the debris on the bottom of the pool. Vac until clean.
9. If dirt seems like it is being pushed around instead of being sucked up, and you have two skimmers then go to the equipment pad and throttle down the skimmer that is not being used. If that does not work, turn down the main drain.

**DO NOT EVER TURN THE MAIN DRAIN ALL THE WAY OFF WHEN VACUUMING.**

10. If suction was good when you started vacuuming and has gotten worse, check the skimmer basket of the skimmer that you are using to vacuum for debris. It may be getting full. **\*\*\*Note: If you do this step before starting to vac again you will have to start back at step #4.**

If skimmer basket is not full, check filter pressure. If pressure is high (meaning 5-7 psi more than normal running psi) filter must be cleaned (or backwashed if you have a sand filter).

## **Vac To Waste**

1. Roll out blue backwash hose to the spot you would like the wastewater to go.
2. Locate the waste valve in pipe that goes from the top of pump to the filter.
3. Prime vac hose and have vac in pool and ready to vac as described in the vacuuming a pool procedure.
4. Turn the pump off and rotate waste valve off to the filter, so water is not allowed to go through the filter. This will force the water out of the blue hose once the pump is turned back on.
5. Turn pump on and start to vac pool.
6. When done, shut off pump. Rotate valve back so that waste/backwash port is off. Roll up blue hose. Empty skimmer and pump baskets. Check water level at this time. Normal operating level is half of the skimmer face (in pool) is above water. Turn pump back on.

