

## **A Step By Step Guide to Deep Clean Your Hot Tub Filter Cartridge**

We recommend cleaning your filter cartridge every 4-6 weeks or, at a minimum, twice a year. Please read and follow the instructions printed on the Filter Cleaner container.

**The following is Nordic Hot Tubs' recommended way to clean your hot tub filter cartridge:**

- Gather your tools and materials:
  - Filter Cleaner
  - Spray bottle
  - Container large enough to hold your filter cartridge submerged in water such as 5-gallon bucket or a large Rubbermaid container, etc.
- Pour the Filter Cleaner into the spray bottle.
- Gently rinse large debris from the filter and between pleats.
- Allow the filter to drain for 5 minutes.
- Using the spray bottle filled with the Filter Cleaner, saturate the filter cartridge from top to bottom over the large container.
  - You do not have to use the entire bottle of cleaner on the filter.
  - It's ok for the cleaner to run off the filter and drip into the large container.
- Allow the cleaner to soak into the filter for 15-30 minutes.
- Place the filter in the large container and fill with water.
- Allow the filter to soak for 12 – 24 hours.
- Remove filter from the large container and rinse thoroughly.
  - Rinse the filter until water runs clear with no sudsy foam.
  - Rinse one more time.

**For filters that need an EXTRA DEEP CLEAN:**

- Gently rinse large debris from the filter and between pleats.
- Allow the filter to drain for 5 minutes.
- Place the filter over the large container and pour the Filter Cleaner directly onto the filter cartridge fabric.
  - Make sure to cover the entire filter!
- Allow the cleaner to soak into the filter for 15-30 minutes.
- Place the filter in the large container and fill with water.
- Allow the filter to soak for 12 – 24 hours.
- Remove filter from the large container and rinse thoroughly.
  - Rinse the filter until water runs clear with no sudsy foam.
  - Rinse one more time.

It's a good idea to have a second filter cartridge for your hot tub. We recommend this for two reasons:

- First, you should let your filter dry completely between cleaning and replacing it into your hot tub. This allows the fibers in the pleated material to dry out and rest before being used again.
- Second, it will allow you to continue to safely operate and enjoy your hot tub while the other filter is being cleaned.

Remember, the average life expectancy of a filter cartridge is 2-3 years. Replacement may be necessary if your hot tub continues to have issues even after cleaning. A good visual reference as to when to replace the filter is when the band separating the filter pleats falls off.

As always, if you have questions about your hot tub or maintenance, don't hesitate to ask your Nordic Dealer.