

How to Change the Filter Media

Sand should be changed in the filter every 3-5 years. However, if the sand is not cleaned once per season the sand may need to be changed much more often than that.

1. Turn off the pump.
2. Take the drain plug off the bottom of the filter.
3. Remove the clamp or bolts holding the filter head to the filter body.
4. Scoop or shop vac the old media out of the filter.
5. Once the media is out of the filter, remove the standpipe assembly, clean it and inspect it for any cracks or other damage.
6. If everything looks fine, put the standpipe assembly back in the filter.
7. Put the drain plug back on the bottom of the filter. Inspect the gasket to be sure it doesn't need replacing.
8. Add water to the filter until the *laterals* are covered. This will prevent damage to the *laterals* once the sand is added to the filter.
9. Cover the standpipe opening with duct tape to ensure that no sand gets into the standpipe. If sand gets into the standpipe, it will end up in the pool. Ensure the standpipe is straight before adding the sand to the filter.
10. Cut one of the top corners of the sand bag so a garden hose will fit into it. Cut one of the bottom corners of the sand bag so the sand can be poured into the filter.
11. Put the garden hose in the top corner and turn it on. Make sure the open bottom corner is over the opening in the filter. The sand will be easier to get in the filter this way rather than trying to scoop it or pour it in.
12. The filter should be approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ full or filled with the required amount as per the filter manual.
13. Replace the filter head and turn the pump on.
14. It may take a while for the sand filter to completely fill with water so the pressure may be low at first.

Sand/Zeobrite is an extremely important part of keeping your pool clean and clear. Remember to clean your filter media once per season to extend the life of your media, and to keep the pool looking clear and beautiful.