



Avoiding and Removing Plaster Stains

Many pool owners wake up one morning to find rust stains on their pool plaster and they cannot figure out what caused these overnight imperfections; so we thought we would give you the answer: almost any metal object can cause plaster staining.

Most metals react with the chemicals in the pool water and this interaction is what causes the discoloration. It does not take days or weeks to develop these eye sores as many pool owners who have experienced this problem can verify.

Also, many non-metal objects can cause plaster staining; therefore, it is important to keep all debris out of your pool because you can never be certain what will and will not cause this discoloration.

If children are swimming with toys that have any metal parts, and these toys are left in the pool, this can cause plaster staining.

If you have a tree close by, and the wind blows leaves into your pool, or grass recently treated with fertilizer, make sure they are removed because leaves and grass can also cause plaster discoloration. The only good news about plaster stains caused by small debris is they usually leave small stains. Small stains can be removed with very little effort and very little cost.

Larger plaster stains are usually caused by poor water chemistry resulted from algae infested pools, usually unattended for a long period of time like from a foreclosure home.

These larger stains are typically removed by draining the pool and acid washing the plaster. Generally, when an acid wash is performed, the entire pool is cleaned in this process. Many times, because of poor water chemistry, a pool that must be acid washed must also be sanded, therefore, if you are going to experience plaster stains, hope for small stains.

We, your pool service professionals, can remove



some of the smaller stains by using a small amount of chlorine delivered to the stain by different methods. Often a pool service technician must enter the water and sand the discolored area.

When sanding, you must be careful not to sand away too much of the plaster. Plaster is very thin and can be damaged easily. New plaster can cost \$2,500 or more.

The methods used to remove small stains are a great deal less expensive and if your pool has stains, now or in the future, we can remove these stains to get your pool looking like new.

Give our office a call if you notice any staining.

Energy Corner:

Saving energy is a worthwhile cause. Not only does it save you money, and afford you the luxury of more discretionary funds, it also helps our environment and lowers the overall cost of energy.

Reducing the cost of running your pool equipment is part of this equation, but this cannot be achieved by just cutting back operational hours. How is it achieved? We replace your old pool equipment with new energy efficient equipment.

I know this sounds like a sales pitch, but it is not. You can replace your old equipment, pay for the equipment with energy savings in as little as 8 months. You can put as much as \$1,000.00 back in your pocket the first year, after the cost of the new equipment.

It's as if someone is paying for the equipment and then giving you money to boot. Wait a minute! They are.

If you are interested in this program, and saving money, call our office today for more details.

The Decline and Fall of the Leaves:

We discussed the stains that can occur on your pool plaster because of leaves and other debris, but leaves and bad weather can cause other problems with your swimming pool.

With Fall comes an over abundance of leaves, wind and rain, and this weather change can damage your pool by creating poor water conditions.

Everything that enters your pool leaves a footprint. This footprint, other than stains and algae, is

called TDS or Total Dissolved Solids.

Once your TDS level reaches 2500 ppm, and sometimes much lower, your sanitizer becomes ineffective and more expensive. If you are using chlorine, your chlorine costs can double with little effect.

Have you ever checked your chlorine levels to find them perfect, but you still suffered from algae and perhaps cloudy water? If you have, a high TDS level could be the culprit and

Fall could be the catalyst.

We perform a TDS test frequently on your pool water to determine the level, and if we find the level to be escalating, we will try to determine the culprit. By maintaining a proper TDS level, we create a healthier pool environment for you and your family.

A healthy pool means less visits to the ear, nose and throat specialist and more money in your pocket. Please call with any questions.

Discount Corner

Purchase an automatic cleaner during the Month of September and receive free installation.

Also, if you refer a customer, who is with us for 90days, you will receive a FREE month service or a FREE Mr. Coffee Maker or Dinner for 2 at Olive Garden!

We appreciate your business and your Loyalty.