



## FAQ's about our saltwater pool!

**Is it salty like the ocean?** Nope, you wouldn't even know you were swimming in a salt water pool.

**Can I open my eyes under water?** Yes, it's not salty like an ocean!

**Is it safe for kids?** Yes, we have three kids of our own, it's better because the pool has less chemicals in it!

### Official Facts from "The Pool Guys"

#### **What is a salt water pool?**

A salt water pool is similar to a regular chemical chlorine pool except for a few important differences. The salt water system or chlorine generator produces chlorine naturally from the salt in the water that is broken down through the process of electrolytic conversion.

The amount of chlorine is lower and combined with the low levels of salt you won't experience red eyes, itchy skin or the sense that you were swimming in a chemical bath. You can also expect to spend less time balancing chemicals because a salt water pool is easier to maintain and produce healthy pool water.

#### **How much salt is in a salt water pool?**

You might be surprised to know that the concentration of salt is less than what you find in your own tears. It's also so low that you won't taste it or smell it but you will feel how soft and refreshing it feels on your skin. The salt concentration in a salt water pool is between 2500-4500 ppm compared to twice the amount of 9,000 ppm of human tears. When you compare it to the 35,000 ppm found in the Pacific ocean you get a sense of how low it actually is.

#### **Is it just like swimming in the ocean?**

Other than both feeling refreshing they are quite different. The salt concentration in the ocean is about 35,000 parts per million and in a salt water swimming pool it is kept around 3,000 parts per million. The salt level is so low it's still classified as fresh water and you can't taste or smell the salt in a properly balanced pool.

#### **Will my eyes still get red and itchy?**

No! That is one of the many benefits of salt water pools because the water is gentle on your skin, hair, eyes and clothing. Many salt water pool owners find that their chlorine rash symptoms are alleviated after upgrading to salt water.

Will salt make my skin feel sticky or smell?

It's actually quite the opposite. The salt water will leave you feeling refreshed and your skin soft and silky instead of feeling like you just had a chemical bath in chlorine. There is virtually no odor and you won't smell the chlorine when you are swimming.

#### **Is it safe to swim with dyed hair or bright colored clothing?**

Absolutely! The chlorine levels are so low that your hair won't bleach and is safe for most hair dyes. You can also count on keeping your bathing suits nice and bright without them fading over time.

#### **How will my allergies be affected?**

Most people with chlorine allergies or a chlorine sensitivity report that salt water makes their allergies completely disappear. If you want to learn more check out our page that talks about chlorine allergy.

Do I still need to add chlorine?

You should never have to add chlorine again or handle the chemical. One of the benefits of a salt water pool is that **pool salt is converted to natural chlorine.** The salt cell continuously replenishes the necessary levels of chlorine by breaking down the salt that is already in your pool water.