

## Response about the black algae ongoing in the pool

Finch Landing HOA Neighbors: The question was posed asking the board what we are doing to eradicate the black algae inside the pool. When we spoke with our pool company on June 11, 2023, we discussed how best to eradicate the black algae. They told us at that time, "Black algae are caused by pool water conditions - flow and under chlorination. Black algae are living organisms and cannot be simply brushed away, it is very difficult to get rid of on porous concrete surfaces and once it shows up, it takes a lot of time to eradicate it; there isn't a magic bullet. The algae have a hard outer shell which protects it, this is why it must be killed before it can be brushed, once it has been killed and brushed it will often leave a brown / tan stain that will also take time to remove. We have already started the process and will continue to work on cleaning the algae."

On 7/11/2023, the Georgia Department of Public Health visited our pool and our pool passed inspection. They considered the black algae as a non-health issue. We, (the Finch Landing HOA board of directors have been considering potential fixes and are looking at a long-term solution after the pool closes, up to a complete resurfacing of the pool sides and bottom if needed. All these solutions that we have discussed were considered end of the pool season solutions. We have avoided pool shutdowns (because the GDPH doesn't consider the algae as a health issue) as the shutdowns are extremely unpopular with the HOA neighbors. We are considering adding a complimentary salt cell or adding a liquid bleach system at the end of the pool season to avoid any shutdowns of the pool. Any other remediation is going to require the pool to be shut down for a period and, even then, we are unsure that the black algae will be eradicated without resurfacing. So, to answer your question; we are considering all options and trying to be responsible with the HOA finances as well, all the while keeping the pool open as much as possible for neighborhood enjoyment. There are a lot of moving parts, and we feel that the pool has been cared for much better this year than in years past and we will solve the black algae problem.