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WAYS to rethink **WATER** in the **POOL**

A lot of the water consumed by a household is actually used outdoors. There are some key things that you can do to save water in your garden:

EVAPORATION IS A MAJOR CAUSE OF WATER LOSS FROM YOUR SWIMMING POOL.

Covering the pool decreases evaporation while also preventing debris from falling on the pool surface.

By preventing sunlight from penetrating the water, you will also reduce the amount of chemicals needed to keep the pool clean. There are several products available, such as pool covers, pool blankets and liquid pool covers.

Maintenance

- Backwash only when necessary
- Check regularly for cracks and leaks
- Keep the pool and filters clean to reduce frequency of filter backwashing
- If acid has been used to clean the pool, the water should be neutralised

Cartridge filters are the most water efficient, as they do not require backwashing. If you use sand filters, there are secondary filter systems available which will allow you to return water used in back flushing to the swimming pool. Backwash once a month, stopping the backwash once the looking glass goes clear. Recycle backwash water on the garden.



Avoid overfilling your pool as this will prevent your filter from working effectively and will cause water to overflow. The water level should be about half way up the skimmer box opening for the filter to function properly.

If your pool has gone green, you can kill the algae with a dose of chlorine. The green particles can then be removed by installing a pool filter bag on the return line. These bags can filter particles down to one micron and will allow you to re-use water from backwashing in your pool. By maintaining the correct balance of chemicals in your pool year round, you will prevent your pool water from going green over winter. Monitoring the chemicals in your pool will also prevent you from having to discard polluted water.

For more information on saving water in your garden contact your local Landcare group, Local Council, Land Services or native plant nursery.

Please contact Muswellbrook Shire Council for further information

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