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Cartridge filter cleaning checklist

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Step by step, plus how to tell it is time for a new cartridge.

CLEAN IT

- [ ] Turn the pump off at the breaker
- [ ] Open the air relief valve to release pressure
- [ ] Remove the lid and lift out the cartridge
- [ ] Hose each pleat top to bottom at an angle
- [ ] Soak in filter cleaner if it is greasy or scaly (follow the label)
- [ ] Rinse well and check the O-ring
- [ ] Lubricate the O-ring with a silicone lube
- [ ] Reassemble, open the air valve, prime and restart

NOTE THE PRESSURE

- [ ] Write down the clean pressure after restarting
- [ ] Clean again when it rises 8-10 psi above that
- [ ] Clean more often after storms, pollen and heavy use

TIME FOR A NEW ONE?

- [ ] Pleats torn, flattened or crumbling
- [ ] End caps cracked
- [ ] Pressure climbs fast right after cleaning
- [ ] Water stays cloudy with good chemistry
- [ ] Most cartridges last 1-3 years

Follow your filter maker's manual if it says something different.