

# Treating Algae in Pools

As a pool owner, you too will eventually be faced with, if you haven't already, an algae problem. Hopefully it will not be just hours before a pool party is to take place. There are several types of algae that are common in this area.

They are as follows:

- 1) **Floating Green Algae**
- 2) **Yellow (or Mustard) Algae**
- 3) **Black (or Blue-Green) Algae**

None of the three are desirable, but the black algae is the most difficult to remove from the pool surface. Most algae can be prevented and can usually be blamed on low sanitizer levels. It is much easier and less expensive to prevent algae than to treat it.

*The best treatments are as follows:*

## Green Algae

Green algae is usually free floating, but in extreme cases, it may attach itself to the walls. This green, cloudy water can appear quickly when sanitizer levels drop too low. Although an algaecide such as **Defend +** or **Super AlgaeBomb 60** is helpful & recommended, super chlorinating with **Turbo Shock** or **Clean Shock** to establish a chlorine level of 12-15 PPM will normally cure the problem.

## Mustard Algae

Mustard algae is usually found in dead areas of the pool, or areas that do not receive much water flow. It brushes off fairly easily, but will return without the use of an algaecide and high chlorine residuals. Usually a copper-based algaecide such as **AlgaeKill II** is the treatment of choice by pool professionals, as it is a very effective product at eliminating mustard algae.

## Black Algae

This algae is actually blue-green, but can appear black. Its favorite spot to appear is on the walls of a plaster pool. This type of algae forms a root system that can invade the plaster surface, and can be very difficult to remove. It requires a more aggressive approach of brushing, use of an algaecide such as **AlgaeKill II**, **Spot Kill**, or **Spot Kill WP**, and high chlorine levels.

Hundreds of pool owners in the Denton area use an algaecide weekly (such as **Defend +** or **Super AlgaeBomb 60**) as a preventive measure. This, along with brushing the pool, has been very effective in preventing algae. Let our retail staff of Gohlke Pools know and we will be glad to aid you in starting an algae prevention program for your pool.

*BE SURE TO READ ALL LABEL DIRECTIONS BEFORE ADDING ANY PRODUCT TO YOUR SWIMMING POOL.*

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