

# Hot Tub Troubleshooting Tip Fixing Foamy Hot Tub Water

## What Causes Foamy Water in a Hot Tub?

A buildup of contaminants, improper water balance, or chemical overuse usually causes foamy water. Here are the most common reasons your spa water might be foaming:

- Personal Care Products** – Lotions, shampoos, deodorants, body oils, and detergent residue from swimsuits can create foam.
- Low Calcium Hardness** – Soft water can increase the likelihood of foaming, making the water feel slick.
- High Bather Load** – More people in the hot tub means more sweat, body oils, and personal care products in the water.
- Overuse of Chemicals** – Too much sanitizer, shock, or defoamer can actually contribute to foaming over time.
- Dirty Filters** – Clogged or worn-out filters won't remove contaminants effectively, leading to water issues.
- Biofilm and Bacteria** – A buildup of bacteria and biofilm in the plumbing system can cause persistent foaming.

## How to Get Rid of Foam in Your Hot Tub

If you're dealing with foamy water, follow these steps to eliminate it:

### 1. Test Your Water

- Use a water test strip to check pH, alkalinity, sanitizer levels, and calcium hardness.
- Adjust levels as needed to ensure your water is balanced.

### 2. Rinse Off Before Entering

- Shower to remove lotions, deodorants, and oils.
- Avoid wearing heavy skin or hair products.

### 3. Wash Swimsuits Properly

- Rinse swimsuits in water only—avoid detergents.
- Wash separately with vinegar or baking soda.

### 4. Shock the Water

- Use chlorine or non-chlorine shock to break down contaminants.
- Follow proper dosage instructions to prevent overuse.

### 5. Clean or Replace Your Filters

- Rinse filters weekly & deep clean them monthly.
- Replace worn filters every 12 months.

### 6. Drain, Deep Clean, & Refill the Hot Tub

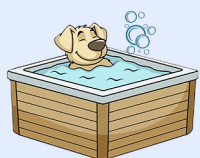
- Drain and refill if foam persists after other treatments.
- Use a plumbing cleaner to remove biofilm before refilling.

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The best way to keep foam from coming back is through proper maintenance. Here's how:

- Test and balance water 2-3 times a week.
- Maintain sanitizer levels to prevent bacteria.
- Shower before use to reduce contaminants.
- Clean or replace filters regularly.
- Rinse swimsuits properly—skip detergent.
- Drain and refill every 3-4 months.

Follow these steps for crystal-clear, foam-free water and a perfect soak!



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