

Changing Sand in Sand Filter

- 1/ Shut down the filter/pump.
- 2/ Remove the drain cap on the filter bottom.
- 3/ Remove the filter top and any associated plumbing (It may be bolted or clamped on the body of filter depending on year). It just lifts straight up after you've removed the collar.
- 4/ The easiest way to remove the sand is with a wet / dry shop vac. Otherwise you can just scoop the sand out. Be careful not to move the central stand pipe, you could break it. Once the sand is out, remove the lateral assembly. It looks like a wagon wheel. The lateral fingers will either fold up (Hayward filter) or unscrew (Jacuzzi or Sta Rite). Inspect those parts for damage or wear and replace as needed.
- 5/ Re install the laterals. Center them in the tank and put a paper coffee cup or duct tape over the standpipe hole. This stops sand that you pour in from going down that pipe. You don't want it in the laterals. Carefully pour in the required amount of new filter sand. The side label of the filter will tell you how much sand is needed. While pouring, keep the standpipe centered and don't just dump the sand in, pour evenly and slowly.
- 6/ Put basket back on the top of the standpipe and plumb pipe back into the top of the filter head and make sure drain cap is put back on.