

- 🛠️ My hot tub has been EMPTY for several months?
- 🛠️ I purchased a USED hot tub?
- 🛠️ My hot tub water has little white flakes in it?

➤ Use a [DRAIN PREP – Dazzle Drain Prep](#)

The WHY: If a tub has been winterized or just shut off for an extended period of time, the residual water that has been left behind is an ideal breeding ground for bacteria. Once re-filled with water, that bacteria will circulate through the new body of water, and flow through the plumbing. You may notice that it doesn't smell or look very clean even though you have filled it up fresh. Or you bought the tub 2nd hand, and it might be a good idea to give it a good clean when you're not familiar with the previous owner's sanitation procedures. Another scenario can be if the tub has been in use, but the chemicals have been neglected for an extended period of time, leaving you with little white flakes (bacteria) floating in the water. A proper Sanitize/Drain/Re-Fill will be necessary to safely re-enter the Tub.

The HOW:

1. Remove your filters and use this time to soak/rinse them with a filter cleaning solution. If the filters we're used by previous owners, I'd recommend purchasing new & discarding the old ones.
2. Add a bottle of [Drain Prep](#) to a full body of water. Add 1 Capful of [Amaze Plus](#) (Chlorinated Shock), 1-2 Tablets of [Chlorine](#).
3. The Drain Prep will lift the organic material from the pipes while the Chlorine neutralizes the bacteria. Run this solution for a **minimum of 24hrs** while cycling the jets as often as possible. For best results bring your tub up to temperature, and allow 2-3 days to cycle with this solution.
4. Test each day for Chlorine Levels. If the strip is FADED or white, the chlorine you have added to the tub has been busy! Please add more. If there is still a chlorine reading on your strip, do not add more. At this time, don't worry too much about over chlorination, as the current body of water will be dumped.
5. If familiar with the topside's programming, its recommended to increase the filtration cycle during this time to keep the water moving as much as possible.
6. Once complete, drain the tub and use a Wet/Dry Vacuum to suck out the remaining water from the footwell, and inside the tub sucking through each individual jet. You may give it an optional wipe on the inside with a vinegar solution. Just be sure to rinse and vacuum if any commercial products are used.
7. Install new or clean filters, re-fill with fresh water, and follow [PART 1 – Basic Maintenance](#)