

# Rising Sun Pools

## How to Vacuum

1. Attach the vac head to the vac pole.
2. Put one end of the vac hose on the vac head. Put the other end on the skim vac.
3. Put the vac head in pool and hold on to the other end with the skim vac.
4. To expel the air from the vacuum hose and prevent the pump from losing prime, hold “skim vac” directly in front of the return fitting. *This will blow all the air from the hose and replace it with water.* When the vacuum head stops bubbling, you will know the hose is full of water.
5. Place your hand over the “skim vac” opening and move it to the skimmer.
6. Place the “skim vac” on top of the skimmer basket.
7. Close the main drain valve 80% (for in-ground pools only)
8. Vac the pool slowly and backwash the filter as needed.
9. When vacuuming is completed, shut the system off. Remove the vacuum hose and “skim vac” from the skimmer, and then clean out the skimmer basket and backwash the filter if needed.
10. To insure maximum life of your vacuum hose, follow these simple rules:
  - a. Use the hose for vacuuming only.
  - b. Store the hose out of sunlight; UV rays shorten the hose life dramatically: **UV damage to a hose is not a defect.**
  - c. Coil, or lay the hose flat, out of sunlight. Hanging the hose from a nail or hook will cause weak spots and failure.
  - d. For winter storage, drain the hose thoroughly, coil it loosely and lay flat.
  - e. Do not use the hose if the temperature outside is below 45 degrees

## Vacuuming on Waste

Only use this setting to vacuum out excessive algae/dirt, fine algae (mustard), or to lower water level

1. Close the main drain & 2<sup>nd</sup> skimmer (if applicable) 100% (80% if suction is too great when closed 100%).
2. Hook up the equipment as normal.
3. Turn the pump off.
4. Turn valve to **waste** setting.
5. Put the skim vac on the skimmer basket and turn the pump on.
6. Vacuum as quickly as possible because you will lose water **very quickly.** If you lose prime or the water level drops below the skimmer, stop vacuuming and refill the pool. You may have to do this several times to vacuum thoroughly.