

The Bucket Test

If you have not located your leak and you have checked around your home, consider a Bucket Test if you suspect a leak in your pool system.

1. Disable (turn off) the autofill (if present).
2. Place a bucket or container on a pool step without submerging it.
3. Use a large rock or brick to weigh down the container.
4. Fill it with water so it is the same level as the pool water.
5. Mark the water level inside the bucket.
6. Mark the pool water level on the outside of the bucket.
7. Wait at least two to three days to let natural evaporation occur.

Compare the two water levels.

- A. If the pool water level (outside mark) dropped more than the bucket's water level (inside mark), you may have a leak and may want to contact a pool contractor.
- B. If the level changes are the same, only evaporation has occurred.

Resume normal autofill operation.



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