



Detecting a Pool Leak

The Bucket Test

Place a bucket filled with pool water on a pool step (weight it with a rock or brick). Mark the water level on both the inside and the outside of the bucket. The starting point levels should be about the same. Check the mark 24 hours later. If there's a greater drop in the line on the outside of the bucket, a leak in the pool is indicated.

Do you think your pool or spa is leaking? Here are some things to look for:

1. Algae or other persistent water quality problems indicating imbalances in the chemistry can occur when a leak prevents the water level from staying constant.
2. Loose tiles or cracks in the pool deck.
3. Cracks or gaps in the bond beam.
4. Areas around the pool, pool pumps or plumbing that are saturated with water.