

# MID STATE SWIMMING POOLS

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## The “Bucket” Test



1. Bring the pool water to normal level. Fill a five - gallon bucket with pool water to about 1 inch from the top.
2. Place the bucket on the first or second step of the pool. Ensure that the bucket is immersed in the pool at least five inches.
3. Mark the water level inside the bucket.
4. Shut off the pump and mark pool water level on the outside of the bucket.
5. Resume normal pool pump operation.
6. After 24 hours, compare the two water levels. If the pool water (the outside mark) goes down more than the bucket’s water level, there is probably a leak. If the levels are the same, only evaporation has occurred.

During a summer day, expect a water loss from normal evaporation.

In the case of rain, repeat the test.

Test is invalid after 24 hours.