

Salt Water Pools

The common misconception about salt water pools is that they are like the ocean. On the contrary Salt water pools have very little salt in them and they are very comfortable to swim in. You will not feel salty when you dry off. The "saltiness" of salt water pools is lower than your body or saline, and the water may taste a little like tears. Most people I talk to, including myself and my four kids, would much rather swim in a salt water pool than a chlorine pool for the comfort.

Salt water pools work by electrolysis. The Chlorinator basically works by splitting the Sodium Chloride molecule into Sodium and Chlorine compounds. When the compounds oxidize or destroy the bacteria in your pool they form salt again and the cycle continues on. Yes, there will still be chlorine created by the chlorinator but you should will not be able to notice it.

The Chlorinators use about the same electricity as a light bulb and are typically on for 6 to 8 hours. The initial cost for a chlorinator is around \$800 for a good unit but it will save you the money and trouble of adding chlorine tablets every week. The chlorinators do not work forever however, they need to be cleaned now and then and the break down about every four years.

The conclusion is that if you swim in your pool a lot and would like to make it a more comfortable and inviting experience, then salt water is the answer. If you just have the pool for the ambiance it creates and don't mind testing and adding chlorine every week then chlorine will do just fine.

