



Maintenance Guide: Your ChlorPlus Protect 10 Filter

All water filters require maintenance to work properly.

Your ChlorPlus Protect Water Filter uses a container called a “cartridge” that is filled with carbon to filter PFAS chemicals out of your water. As water flows through the filter, PFAS chemicals and other contaminants in your water “stick” to the carbon in the cartridge. But, like a vacuum cleaner bag or dustbin, the cartridge fills up over time. Once it’s full, it’s no longer effective at removing PFAS, and needs to be replaced.

The ChlorPlus Protect cartridge is highly effective at removing PFAS for 1,000 gallons of water before it needs to be replaced. For most households, this means you need to replace the cartridge every 4-5 months. If you use more water than average, you may need to change your cartridge more often.

Follow this guide to maintain your filter and keep your PFAS exposure low.

Because you can’t see, smell, or taste PFAS chemicals, it isn’t obvious when your filter cartridge needs to be replaced. Use the information on the back of this page to help figure out when your cartridge needs to be replaced.

Quick Guide To Keeping Your Filter In Top Shape



Before your filter is installed, estimate how much cold water you use each day at the sink the filter will go on. For tips on how to do this, see the guide on the back of this page.



Compare your water use estimate to the cartridge change schedule on the back of this page.



Put a reminder on your calendar to change your cartridge at the appropriate time.



Keep this guide in an easy-to-find location so you can reference it as needed.

Estimating How Much Cold Tap Water You Use Per Day For Cooking, Pets, and Drinking

1. Take an empty, 1-gallon jug (or other container that holds exactly 1 gallon) and fill it all the way up with PFAS-free cold water. Put it by your kitchen sink.
2. Each time you need water for cooking, pets, drinking, or any other kitchen sink task, use the water from the jug.
3. When the jug is empty, refill it with PFAS-free cold water when it is empty. Each time you refill it, make a check mark or tally on the side of the jug using a permanent marker.
4. At the end of the day, count how many check marks you drew on the jug. This tells you how many gallons of cold water you used that day.
5. For the best results, repeat this process for 3 days. Add the total gallons used over 3 days, and divide by 3 to get your average daily cold water use at your kitchen sink.

Important! Your ChlorPlus filter only filters the water from your cold water line. Your hot water still has PFAS chemicals in it. Do not use hot water from the tap for drinking, cooking, or for pets!

When To Change Your Filter Cartridge

One ChlorPlus cartridge is capable of filtering up to 1,000 gallons before it needs to be replaced. For an average household, this means one cartridge lasts 4 -5 months. Compare your estimate for how much cold water you use at your sink to the table below to figure out when you need to change your cartridge.

Average amount of cold water used each week at your sink	How often to replace your filter cartridge
11 gal/day (80 gal/week)	3 months
8 gal/day (58 gal/week)	4 months
6.5 gal/day (45 gal/week)	5 months
5.5 gal/day (38 gal/week)	6 months

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Where do I get a replacement cartridge?

You get 1 extra cartridge with your ChlorPlus Protect 10 filter. Additional cartridges can be bought from Fogle Pump and Supply for \$80, or online. If you are buying online, make sure the cartridge item number is #655226-43.

How do I replace my cartridge?

If you need help installing your replacement cartridge, call Fogle Pump and Supply at 509-684-2569. Instructions are also included in the box your filter came in.

What do I do with my old filter cartridge?

Dispose of used cartridges at Waste to Energy, North County Transfer Station, Sunshine Disposal and Recycling, or Valley County Transfer Station. Do not throw them out with the trash. Visit the Household Hazardous Waste section of Spokane County Solid Waste’s [Disposal Transfer Stations webpage](#), or call 509-477-6800 for more information.

Future community collection events may occur. Details will be shared about these events via email, on Ecology’s West Plains PFAS website (see below), and the West Plains Water Coalition website (see below).

For More Information:

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[DOH PFAS Webpage](#) | www.doh.wa.gov/pfas

[Fogle Pump and Supply](#) | 509-684-2569

[West Plains Water Coalition](#) |

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