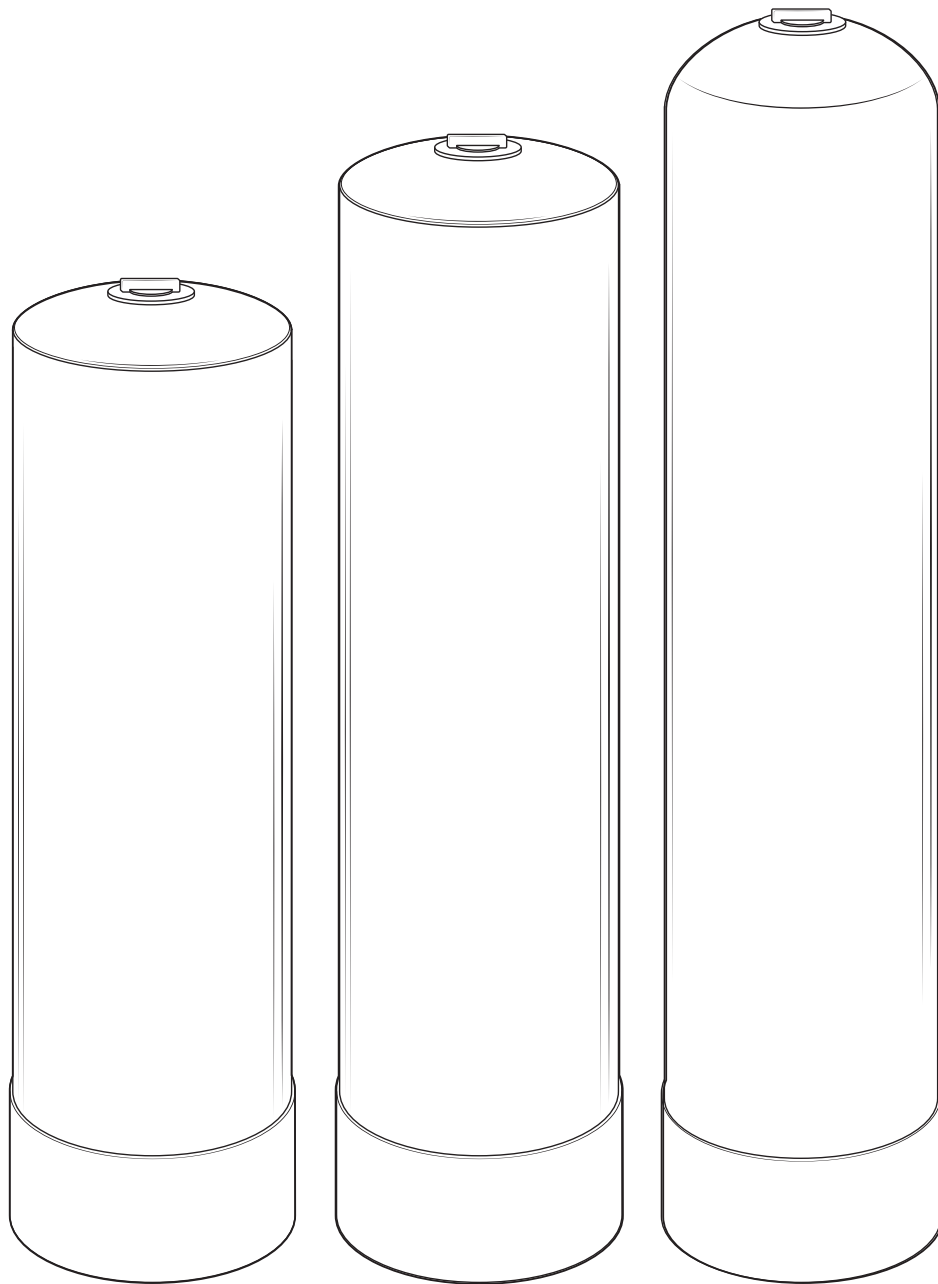




# Series 6 Mixed Bed Carbon Backwash System



Models: K108-015, K108-016, K108-017

# Introduction

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Thank you for your purchase of the Radiant Life carbon filtration system. We highly recommend opening all packages of the shipment and verify that all required parts have arrived are inspected for damage **before** contacting an installer and scheduling an appointment. This manual covers the installation and operating instructions for the following models:

- K108-015 (2.0 cu ft)
- K108-016 (3.0 cu ft)
- K108-017 (4.0 cu ft)

We recommend contacting our Water Service Department (888-593-9595 option 2) once you have scheduled an installation appointment so that we can ensure one of our technicians are available if needed.

## Overview

The Series 6 Mixed Bed Carbon Water Filtration Systems are designed to provide years of protection from chemicals, bad tastes, odors, and color. They are also specifically designed to remove trace chemicals such as chlorine or chloramines introduced into the water by municipal treatment plants as a means of disinfection. These chemicals create taste and odor issues and carcinogenic compounds that are not beneficial for consumption or absorption into the body.

These units have the added ability to reduce fluoride and heavy metals. Water containing chemicals from agricultural cultivation may also enter into the water supply and the systems are designed to reduce these contaminants. The systems are meant for installation at the entry point of water coming into the home whereby it can treat your entire home for both hot and cold water.

## Benefits our Mixed Bed Carbon Water Filtration Systems

- Water quality is enhanced
- No chemicals
- Removes bad tastes and odors
- Retains essential minerals
- Simple installation
- Minimal maintenance
- Protects water using appliances
- Takes very limited space
- Compatible with all on-site/community waste water treatment systems

## Safety

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Exposure of the filters to freezing temperatures (32°F, 0° C) or temperatures exceeding 110°F (37.8° C) may damage the tank and cause the system to malfunction. Always install the tank where the temperature is above freezing and below 110°F (37.8° C). Insulate the system and plumbing for added protection in extreme climates.

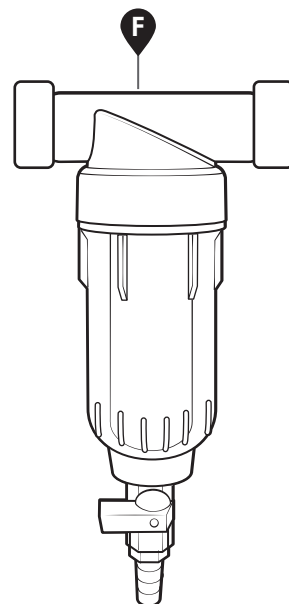
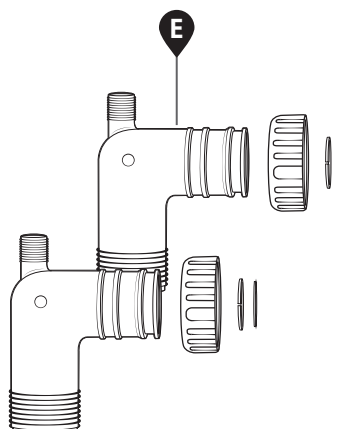
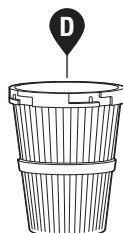
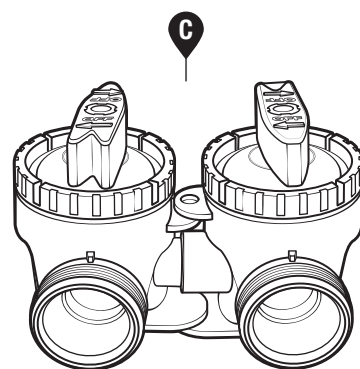
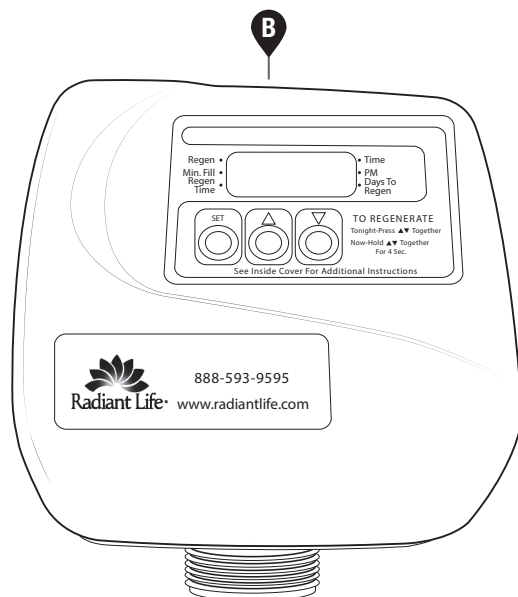
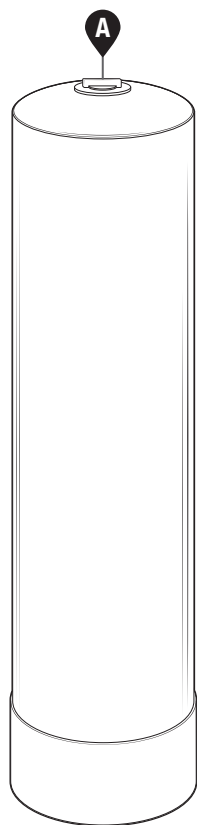
High water pressure may cause plumbing leaks and potentially damage the Water Filtration System. The maximum recommended water pressure is 80 psi. If the pressure exceeds 80 psi a pressure reducing valve must be installed.

Installation and use of the system must comply with all state and local plumbing codes. If necessary, contact a local plumber for advice or help with installation.

# Product Components

Check that the following parts are included in your package(s). Inspect all parts for damage. **Note:** Drain line and plumbing connections/supplies not included.

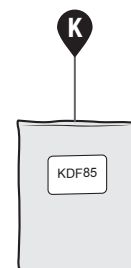
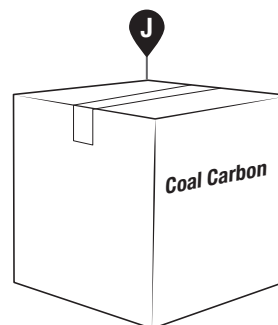
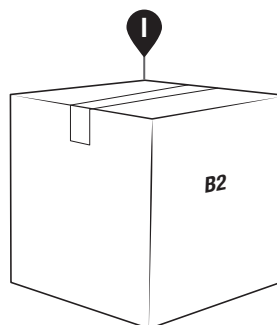
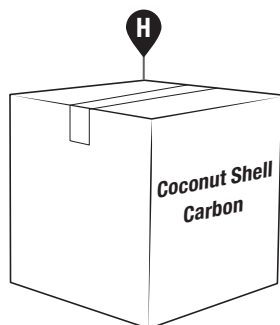
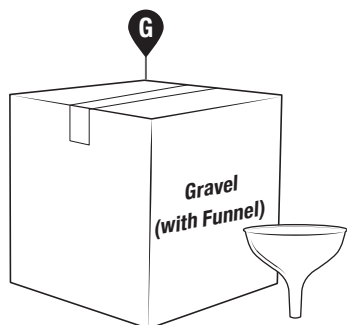
- A. Filter tank
- B. Control valve
- C. Bypass valve
- D. Upper basket
- E. Installation elbows
- F. Spin down filter



## System Media

**Note:** Model K108-015 (2.0 cu ft) comes pre-loaded with media. Models K108-016 ( 3.0 cu ft) and K108-017 (4.0 cu ft) will have the media shown below.

- G. Box 1: Gravel (with Funnel)
- H. Box 2: Coconut shell carbon
- I. Box 3: B2
- J. Box 4: Coal carbon
- K. Bag: KDF85



## Required Tools

- Pipe wrench
- Painters/masking tape
- As needed to connect the plumbing to the unit.

## Installation

**Important!** Failure to follow these instructions, or use of parts other than genuine Radiant Life components, will void the warranty.

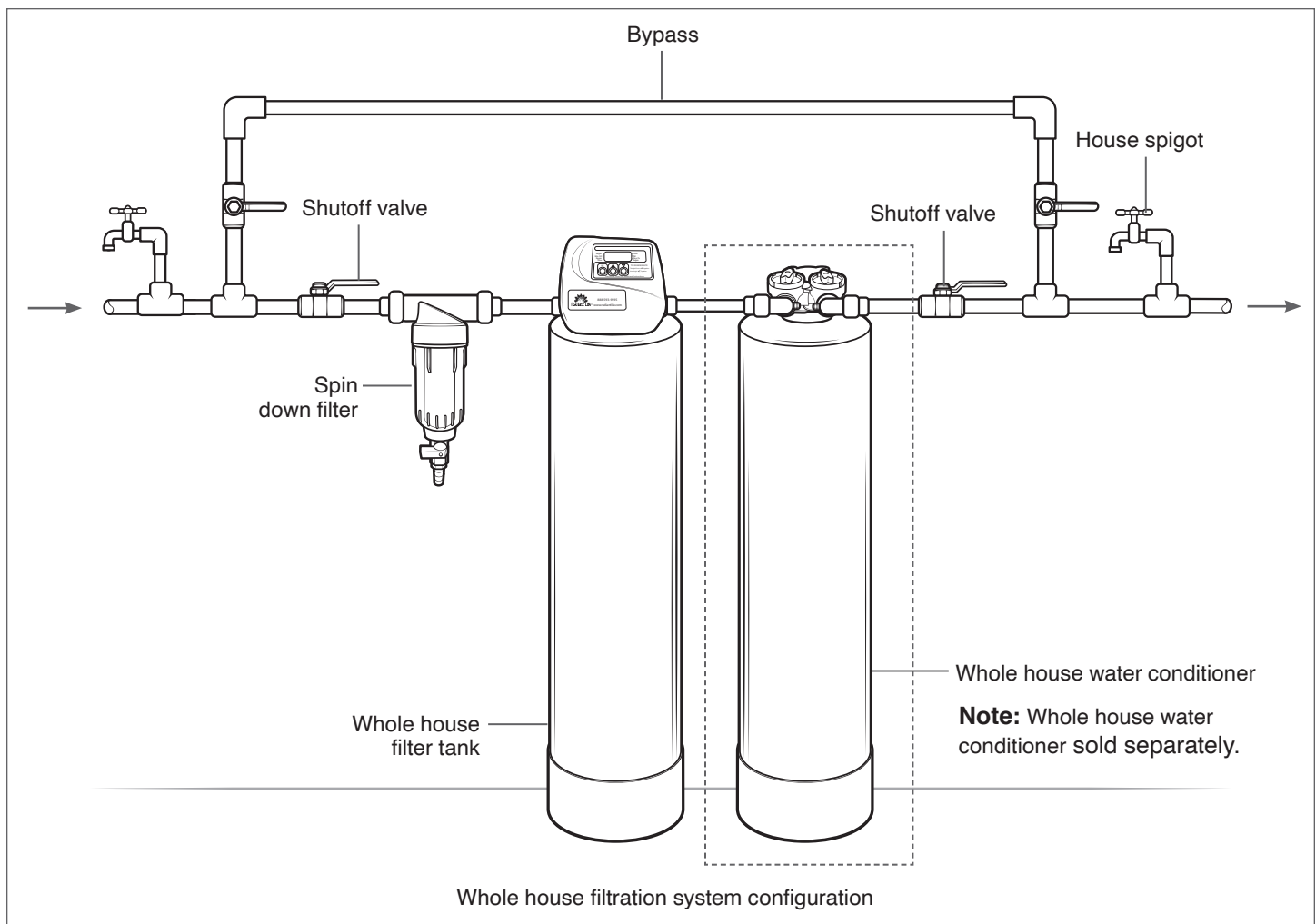
**Failure to install the spin down filter or another proper sediment filter will void the warranty for the Whole House Filtration System.**

### Step 1 Pre-Installation

1. Open all the packages and verify the parts against parts shown in the Parts section. Inspect all parts for damage.

**Note:** If you purchased the Whole House Filter System along with one of our Whole House Conditioners, the Spin Down Filter and Whole House Filter System is installed **before** the Conditioner. We also recommend having your installer use some type of bypass set up in case maintenance/repair is needed on the system.

2. Turn off the water supply to the house.

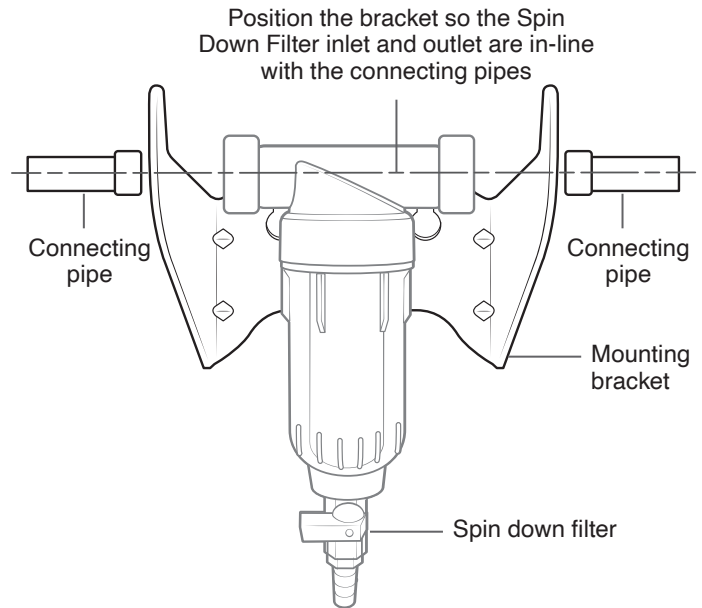


## Step 2 Install the Spin Down Filter

**Important!** The Spin Down Filter must be located **before** the Filter Tank and, if purchased, the Whole House Conditioner System. We also recommend having your installer use some type of bypass set up in case maintenance/repair is needed on the Spin Down Filter.

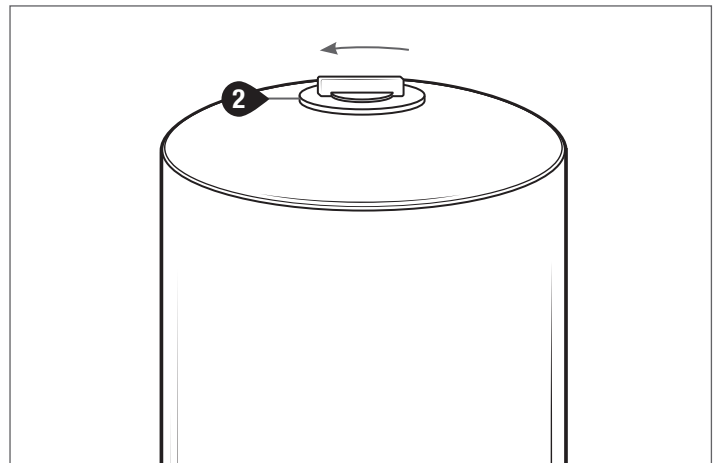
**Note:** Refer to the OEM manual of the Spin Down Filter for installation instructions.

1. Determine the location of the Spin Down Filter and mark the location of the mounting holes on the mounting bracket. **Important!** The Spin Down Filter will rest on top of the mounting bracket. Position the bracket so the Filter inlet and outlet are in-line with the connecting pipes.
2. Drill pilot hole for the screw and mount the Spin Down Filter mounting bracket. **Note:** Drywall anchor and mounting screw provided if needed.



## Step 3 Locate the Filter Tank

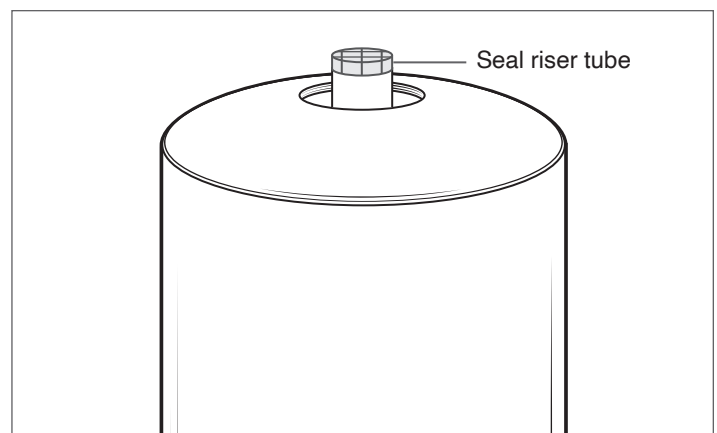
1. Place the Filter Tank as close as possible to the final location. **Note:** Allow sufficient room around the tank to fill the system media.
2. Remove the shipping cap to expose the top of the Riser Tube.



## Step 4 Seal the Riser Tube

**Note:** Follow steps 4 & 5 for Models K108-016 ( 3.0 cu ft) and K108-017 (4.0 cu ft). Model K108-015 (2.0 cu ft) comes pre-loaded with media.

1. Place painter's tape or masking tape (i.e.: something that does not leave residue) over the Riser Tube opening to prevent the system media from going down the riser tube.



## Step 5 Fill the Filter Tank with the System Media

**CAUTION!** Dust will occur when pouring the system media. We highly recommend using a dust mask when pouring the system media into the tank.

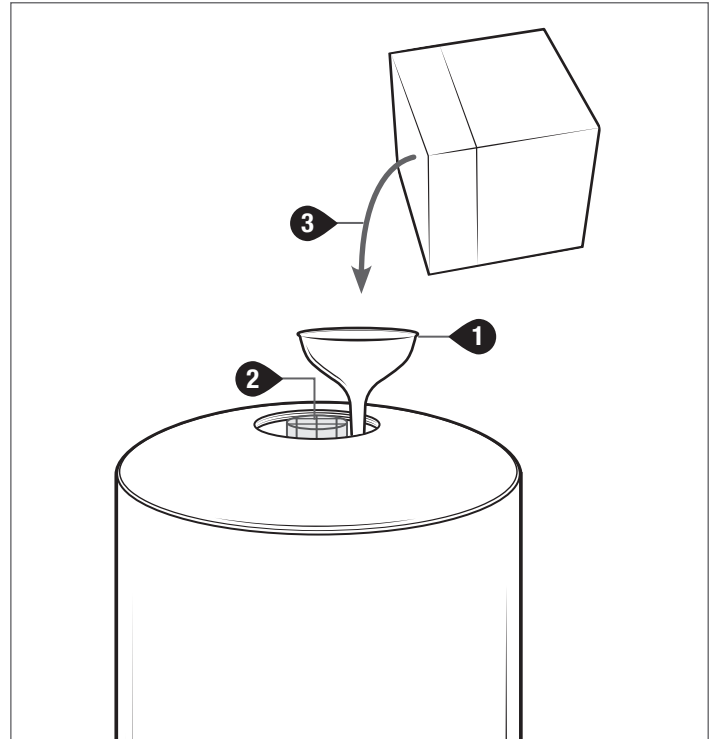
1. Place the Funnel in the mouth of the Filter Tank.
2. Hold the Riser Tube steady.
3. Using the Funnel, slowly pour the system media into the Filter tank.

**Important!** Pour the system media from the various boxes in the following order. Ensure each layer of system media is evenly distributed in the tank before pouring the next box.

- Box 1: Gravel
- Box 2: Coconut Shell Carbon
- Box 3: B2
- Box 4: Coal Carbon
- Bag: KDF85

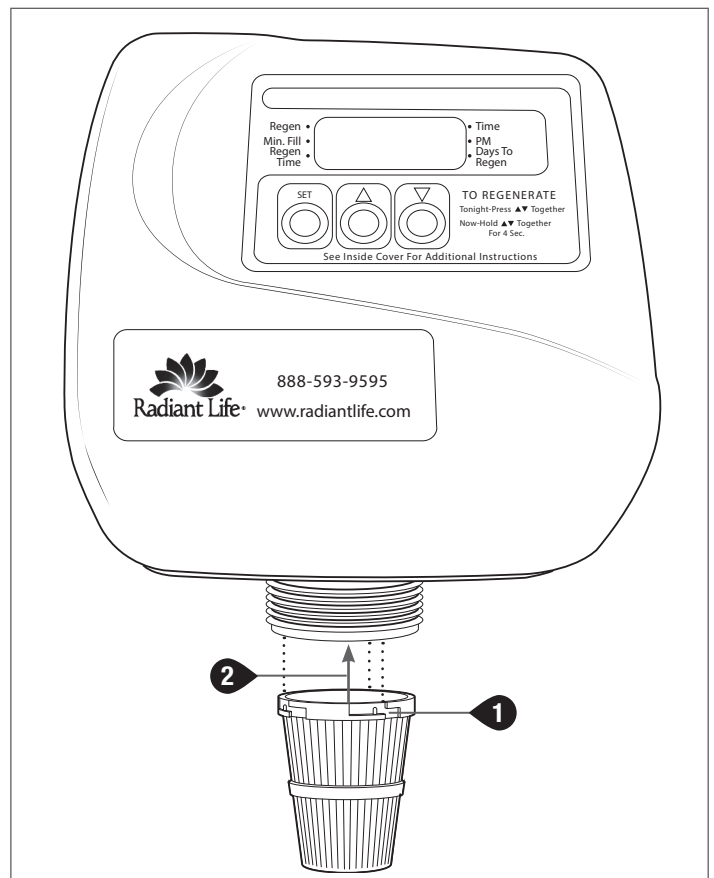
**Note:** 4.0 cu ft units may have two boxes of Coconut Shell Carbon, B2 and Coal Carbon.

4. Remove the Funnel from the Filter Tank.
5. Remove the tape covering the Riser Tube. **Note:** The Funnel may be discarded.

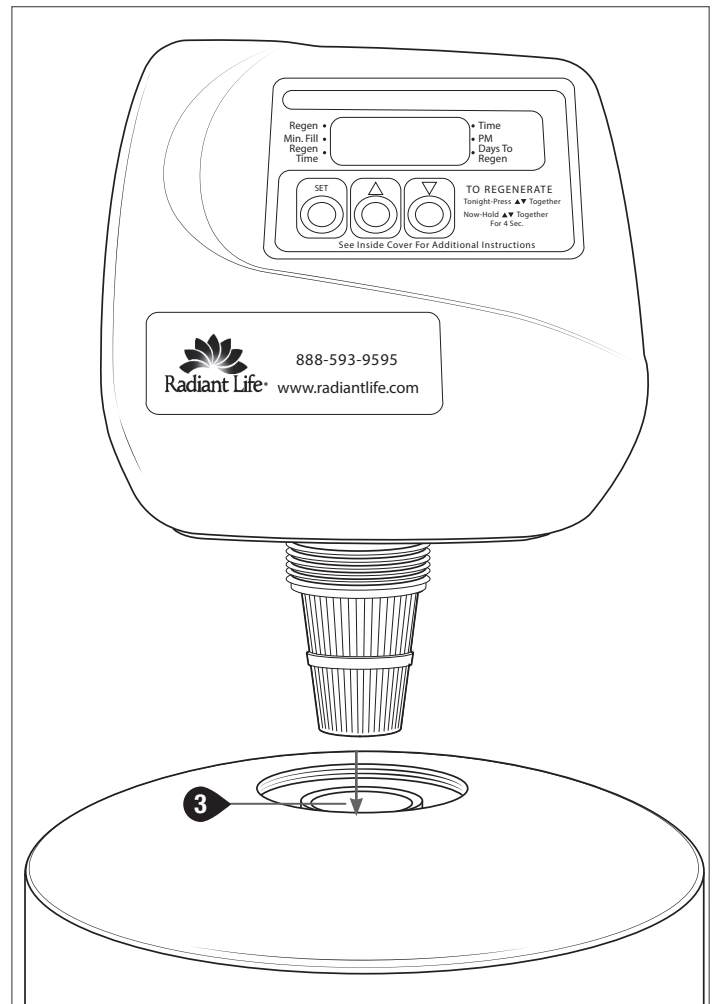


## Step 5 Attach the Upper Basket and Control Valve

1. Align the detents on the Upper Basket with the tabs on the Control Valve.
2. Attach the Upper Basket to the Control Valve and turn it clockwise until it clicks in place.



3. Place the Upper Basket over the Riser Tube.
4. If necessary, gently tap on the Control Valve until the male threads on the Control Valve meet the female threads on the Filter Tank.
5. Attached the Control Valve to the Filter Tank by rotating it clockwise. Firmly, hand tighten the Control Valve to the Filter Tank until completely sealed. **Note:** If “hand tight” does not completely seal the joint between the tank and control valve, watch the following video showing one method to secure the Control Valve to the Filter Tank: <https://youtu.be/ZGgVOWJem6k>

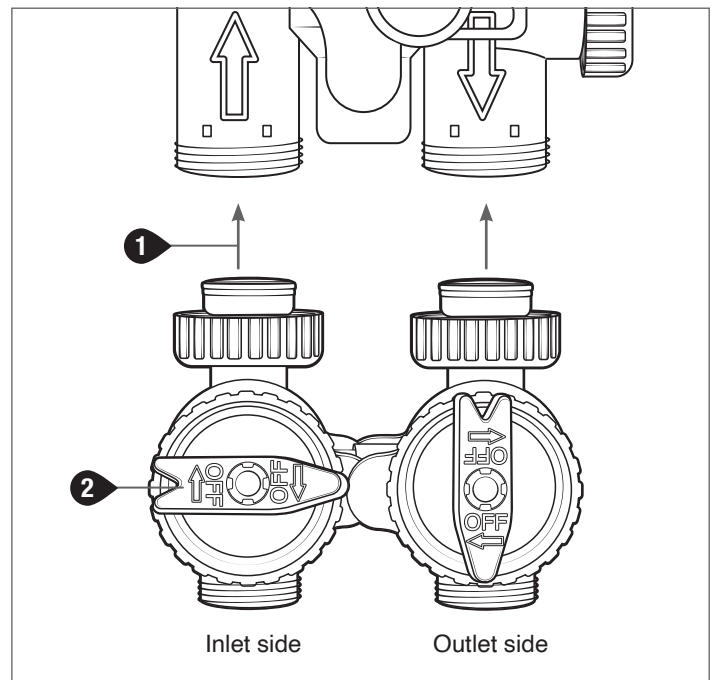


## Step 6 Attach the Bypass Valve to the Control Valve

1. Push the Bypass Valve into the head on the Control Valve. Fasten using the attached knurled nuts.

**Note:** The Bypass Valve will only connect to the system in one direction. The system is designed to operate in a “DOWNFLOW” configuration. It is most important for proper installation that the incoming water supply is connected to the “INLET” labeled side on the unit and the outgoing water supply to the home is connected to the “OUTLET” labeled side on the unit.

2. Place the Bypass Valve in SHUT OFF position.

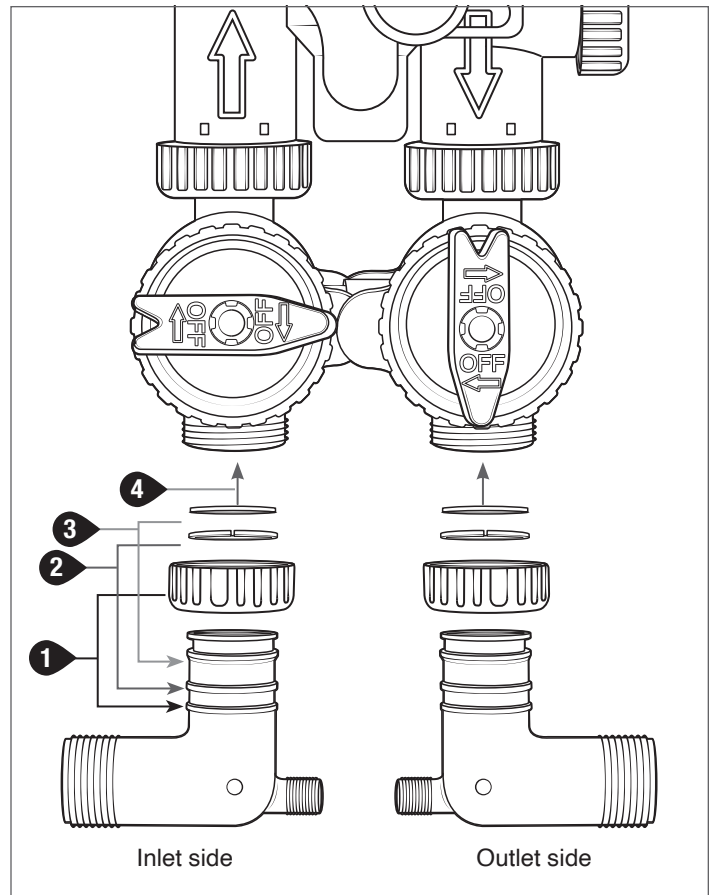


## Step 7 Attach the Elbow Adaptors to the Bypass Valve

1. Place the knurled nut onto the 90° elbow.
2. Place the white snap-ring onto the 90° elbow.
3. Place the black o-ring onto the 90° elbow.
4. Push the 90° elbow into the inlet port on the Bypass Valve. Fasten the 90° elbow to the Bypass Valve using the knurled nut.

**Note:** The 90° elbow can be rotated in any direction for ease of installation.

5. Repeat steps 1 -4 for the outlet port.

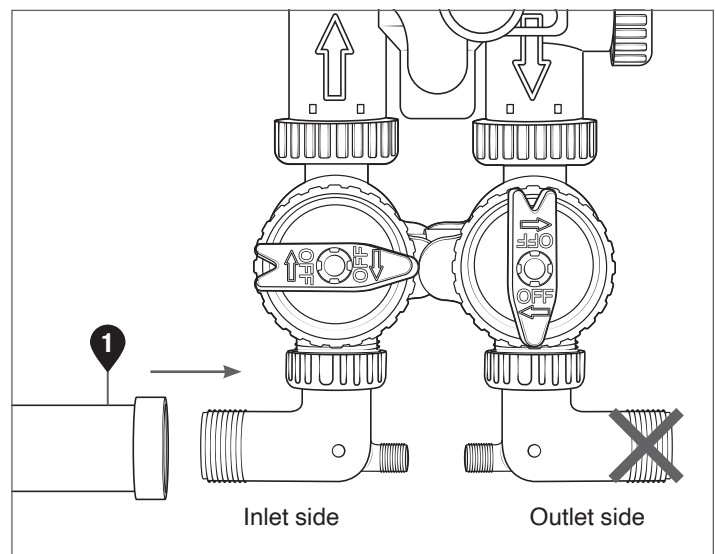


## Step 8 Connect the Water Supply

**Important!** If you are installing the Whole House Filter with our Whole House Conditioner system, ensure that the Filter Tank has been thoroughly flushed **before** connecting the **outlet** of the Filter Tank to the inlet of the Conditioner.

Always install plumbing connections as necessary to connect the house plumbing to the system following local and state plumbing regulations.

1. Connect the plumbing to the inlet side of the system.  
**Note:** Do not connect the plumbing to the outlet side at this time.





## Step 9 Flush the Filter Tank

**Important!** The system media is shipped dry. Before placing this unit into service, it must be flushed to a drain or outlet where the dust and greywater that occurs when water first comes into contact with this system can be discarded.

Connecting the plumbing to both the inlet and outlet valves without flushing the unit **will** result in excess carbon fines and dark colored water inside the home.

It will take several hours or longer to flush these materials from the plumbing if introduced to the home.

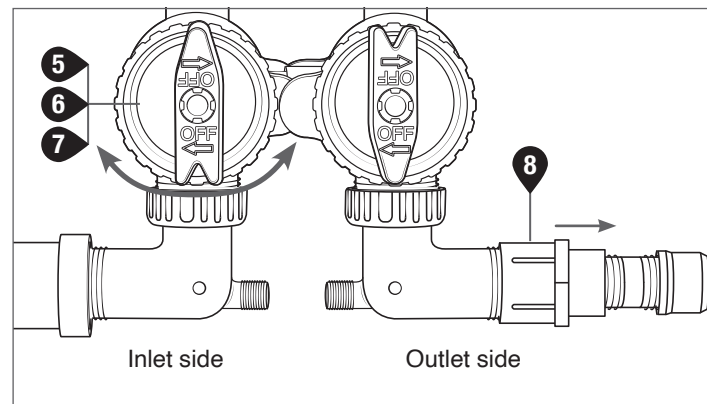
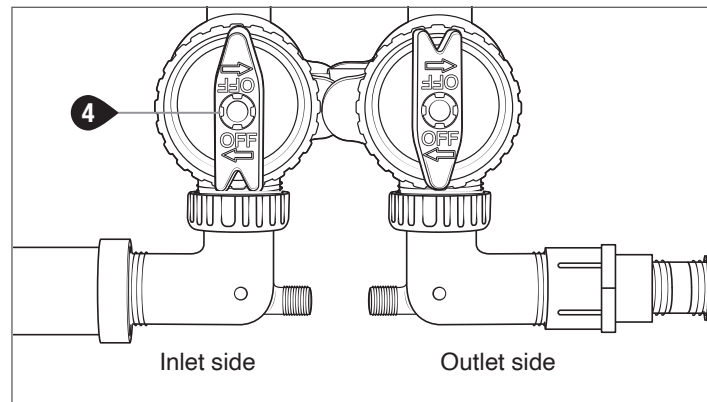
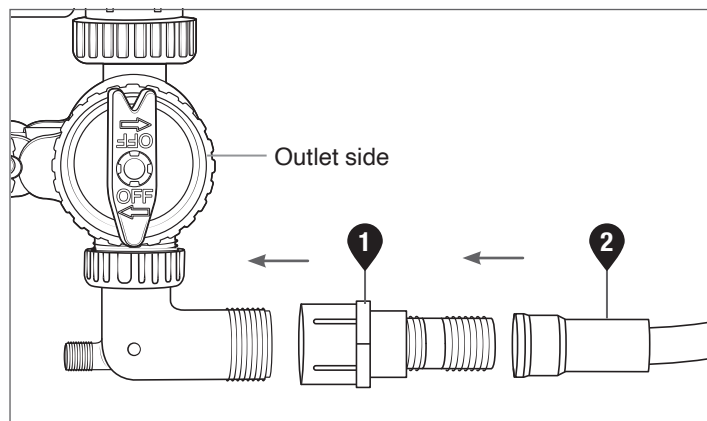
1. Attach the provided garden hose fitting onto the outlet valve Elbow Adaptor.
2. Attach a garden hose that can reach the drainage point.
3. Turn on the water supply and check for leaks. If necessary, tighten the connections.
4. Slowly turn the inlet side knob on the Bypass Valve to the NORMAL OPERATION position.

After a short time (depending on incoming water pressure), water should begin flowing from the garden hose. **Note:** We recommend running the water through an old white towel or t-shirt.

5. Once the water is running clear, turn the inlet knob on the Bypass Valve to SHUT OFF MODE position.
6. Allow the water & media to settle, about 5 minutes. Then open and shut-off the inlet side knob to flush the tank as follows:

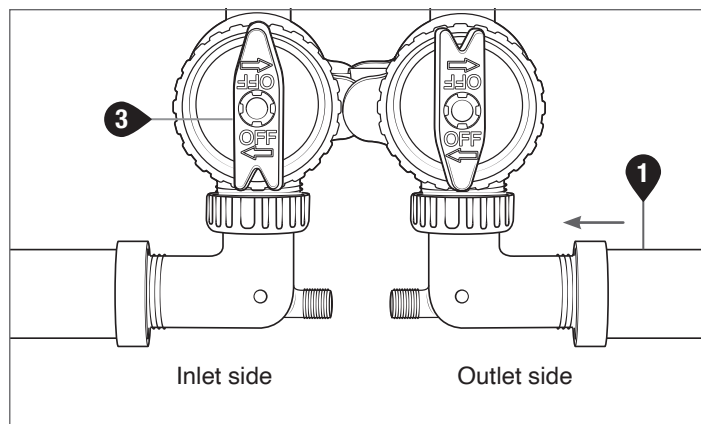
- Apply 3 to 5 short bursts. **Note:** A burst is on for 25 to 30 seconds and then off for 25 to 30 seconds.
- Apply a final flush of at least a couple minutes, or until the water runs clear (i.e.: no more grey water or carbon fines).

7. To ensure the filter is flushed, we recommend running the water through a white towel or t-shirt until no carbon fines can be seen. When clear, rotate the inlet valve to SHUT OFF position
8. Remove the garden hose and garden hose fittings.



## Step 10 Connect the Water Supply to the Outlet Valve

1. Connect the plumbing to the outlet side of the system.
2. Open the closest faucet to the system COLD SIDE ONLY to expel the air in the system.
3. Slowly turn the inlet side of the Bypass Valve to the NORMAL OPERATION position.
4. Check for leaks. If necessary, tighten the connections.



## Step 11 Attach the Drain Line

The system periodically runs a regeneration cycle and requires a drain line to be connected to the Control Valve.

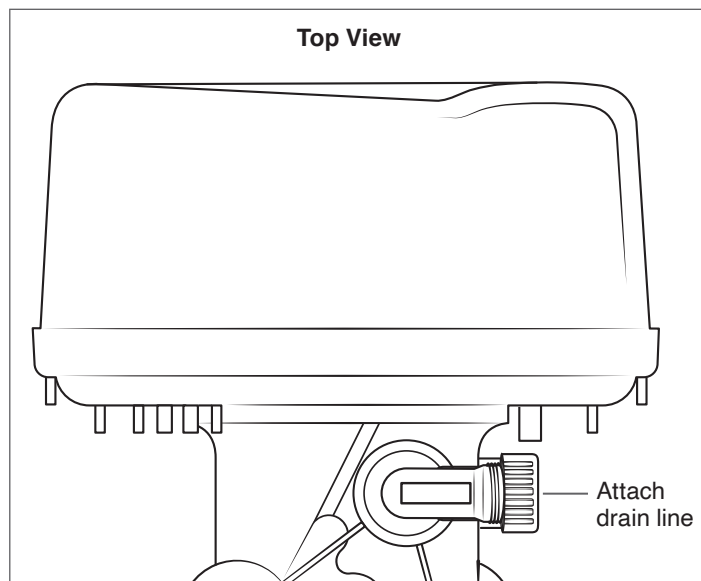
**Important!** Be sure to adhere to all local plumbing codes concerning backflow prevention/anti-siphon requirements when installing the drain line. If you are connecting piping using soldered connections, the soldering must be done prior to connecting to the control valve.

Follow these guidelines when installing a **flexible** drain line:

- The drain line should have a 1/2" I.D. (inner diameter)
- Use the nut/insert on the Control Valve

Follow these guidelines when installing a **rigid** drain line:

- Discard the nut/insert on the Control Valve
- The fitting on the Control Valve is 3/4" MPT



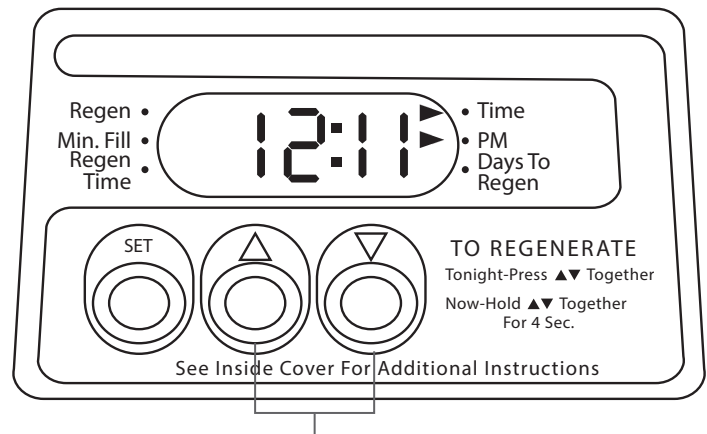
# Control Valve Setup & Operation

The Control Valve for your system comes preprogrammed. It is programmed to start a regeneration cycle every 14th day, starting at 2am.

This program is maintained even if the valve is unplugged or loses power for a long period of time. The valve will keep time even if the valve loses power, for about 8 hours.

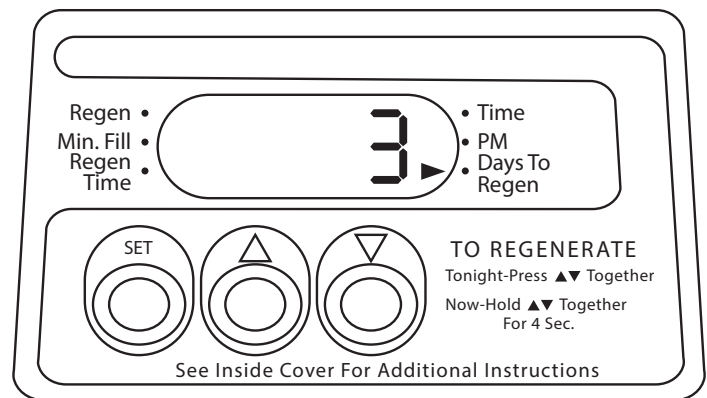
Plug the Control Valve into a standard household 110-120v outlet. The display will show either the Time of Day or the days until the next Regeneration. Change the display using the Up or Down arrows.

Time of Day Display



Press Up or Down key to change display

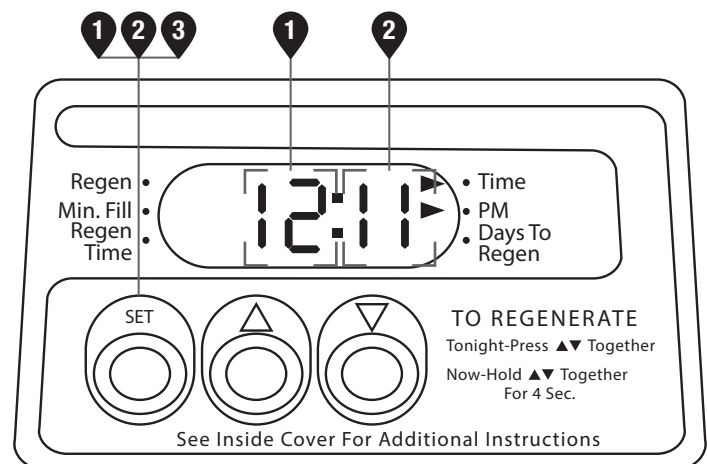
Days to Regeneration Display



## Setting the Time

Follow these steps to set the time of day:

1. Press and hold the SET button until the HOURS on the display start to blink. Then use the up or down keys as appropriate to set the correct hour, paying attention to the PM indicator on the right side of the display.
2. Press the SET button to switch from HOURS to MINUTES. Again, use the up or down keys to set the correct minutes.
3. Press the SET button a final time to set the time. The TIME indicator should show as well as the PM indicator (if appropriate).

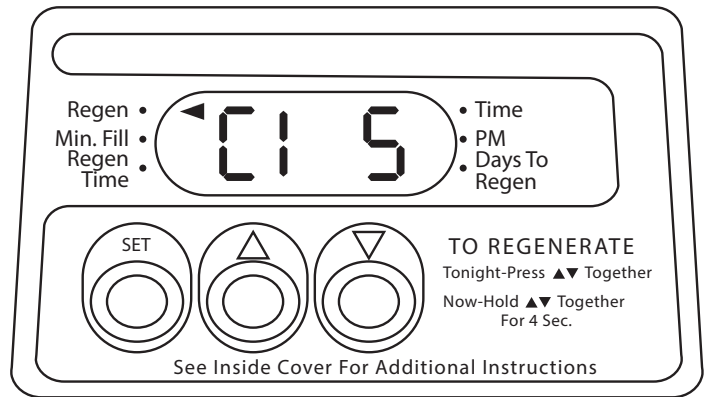


## Regeneration Cycle

Within 14 days your unit will go through its first regeneration cycle. A regeneration cycle consists of 10 minutes of backwash and 6 minutes of flush.

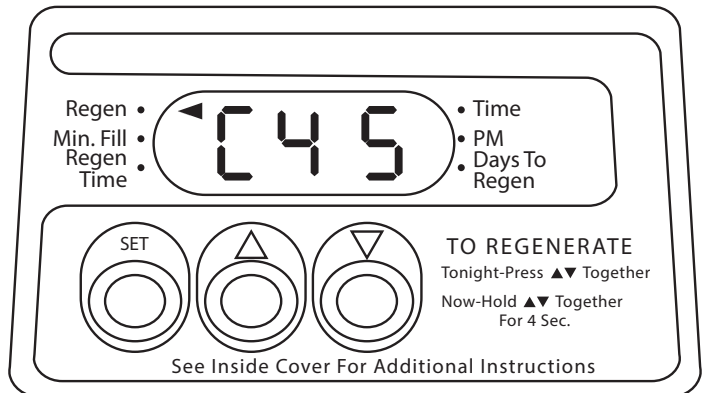
The valve will shift to the BACKWASH position, causing water to flow opposite the normal direction through the tank. It will flow down the riser tube, up through the media, and out the drain line.

The display will have an arrow pointing at "Regen", "C1" flashing on the left, and the number of minutes remaining on the right.



After 10 minutes, the valve will shift again, this time to the FLUSH position. Water will flow the normal direction through the tank (down through the media, up through the riser tube, and out the drain line). The display will change to indicate "C4" on the left, arrow to "Regen" and minutes remaining stay the same.

After 6 minutes, the valve will shift a final time, restoring normal flow through the tank to your house. If for any reason the control valve loses its regeneration setting, contact our Water Service Division at 888-593-9595, option 2.



## Common Questions

### Why does the water appear cloudy?

Once the water filter system is installed and filtering water to your home, the water may appear cloudy. This is nothing to be concerned about. The media inside the system has never been wet and will have air trapped throughout. As the media becomes saturated, this air is gradually expelled creating a cloudy look that will dissipate and cease in time.

### How do I know it is working?

The quickest and easiest way to determine if the system is working is to test for chlorine removal. This can be done when the home is on a city supplied water system using chlorine test strips or pool test kit. Test the incoming water by getting water from the bottom of the spin down filter. Test the water in the home after it has travelled through the water filter. This test is best done after allowing the system to replenish the entire home with water to ensure no unfiltered water remains in the plumbing.

If on a well water system, a known water contaminant would need to be tested before and after the system to determine removal rate. This would be based on the Model/Series purchased.

### Can I use a TDS (Total Dissolved Solids) meter to test the Whole House Water Filtration System?

This filtration system is designed to remove contaminants from the water while leaving essential minerals, such as calcium and magnesium, in the water. TDS meters register the organic materials in the water which is mainly comprised of minerals the water has absorbed. Because the filter is designed to leave these minerals, very little or no change in TDS will occur. Therefore, testing with a TDS meter will not reflect whether the system is functioning or not.

# Bypass Valve Operation

The bypass valve is typically used to isolate the control valve from the plumbing system's water pressure in order to perform control valve repairs or maintenance. The WS1 bypass valve is particularly unique in the water treatment industry due to its versatility and state of the art design features. The 1" full flow bypass valve incorporates four positions including a diagnostic position that allows service personnel to work on a pressurized system while still providing untreated bypass water to the facility or residence. It's completely non-metallic, all plastic (Food Grade/BPA Free) design allows for easy access and serviceability without the need for tools.

The bypass body and rotors are glass filled Noryl and the nuts and caps are glass filled polypropylene. All seals are self-lubricating EPDM to help prevent seizing after long periods of non-use. Internal O-rings can easily be replaced if service is required.

The bypass consists of two interchangeable plug valves that are operated independently by red arrow shaped

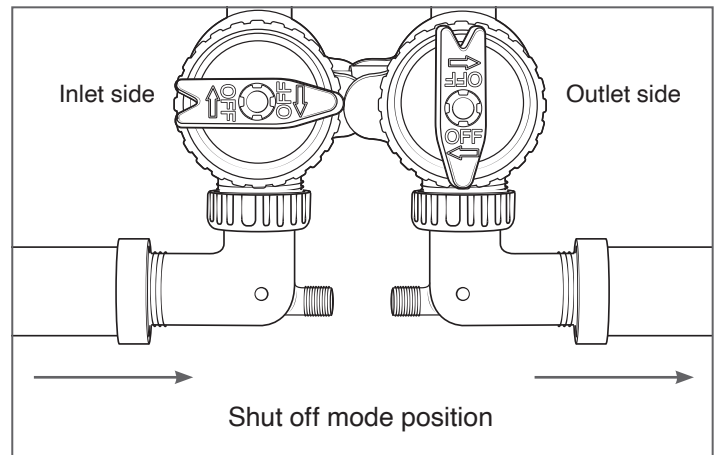
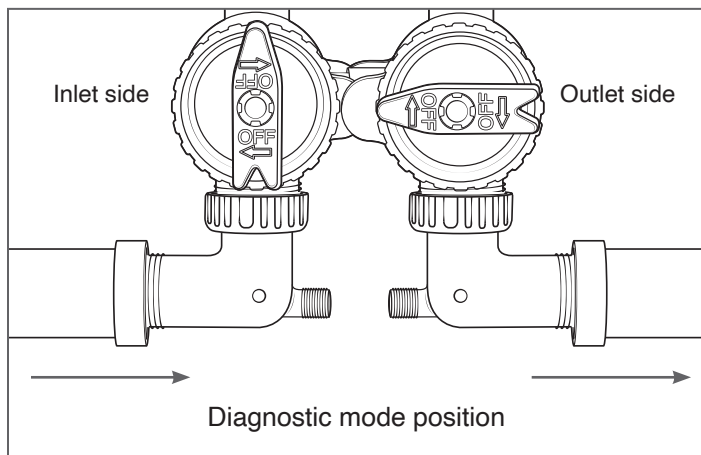
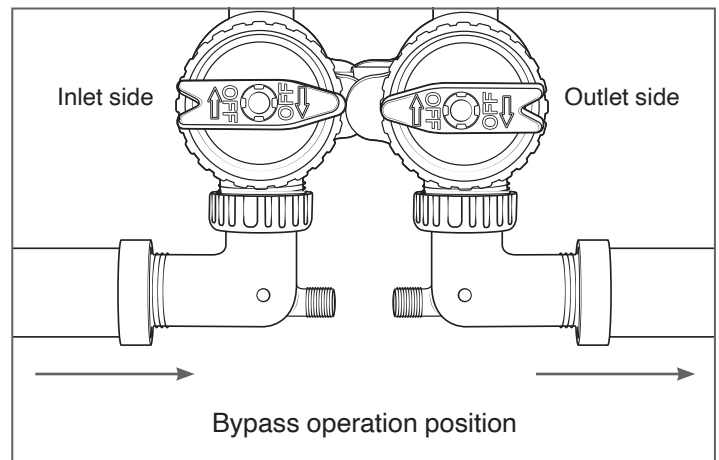
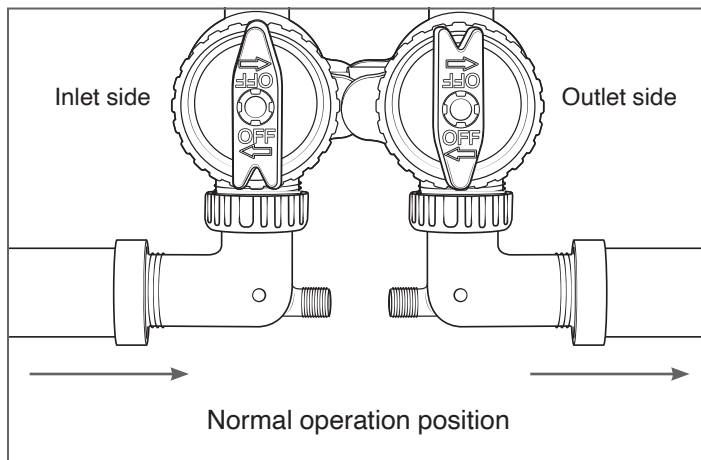
handles. The handles identify the flow direction of the water. The plug valves enable the bypass valve to operate in four positions.

**Normal Operation Position:** The inlet and outlet handles point in the direction of flow indicated by the engraved arrows on the control valve.

**Bypass Operation Position:** The inlet and outlet handles point to the center of the bypass, the tank is isolated from the water pressure contained in the plumbing system. Untreated water is supplied to the plumbing system.

**Diagnostic Mode:** The inlet handle points in the direction of flow and the outlet handle points to the center of bypass valve, system water pressure is allowed to the tank and the plumbing system while not allowing water to exit from the tank to the plumbing.

**Shut Off Mode:** The inlet handle points to the center of the bypass valve and the outlet points to the direction of flow, the water is shut off to the plumbing system.



# Maintenance

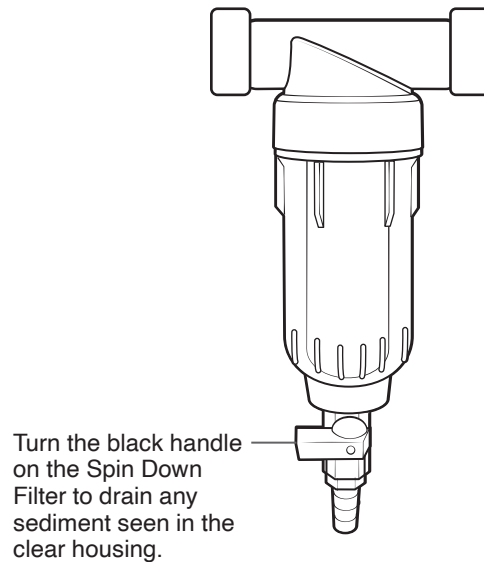
The Radiant Life Water Filtration System with its large capacity tank and specialized media is designed to be nearly maintenance free. Water supplies, delivery conditions, pipe breaks and standard maintenance may affect the water supply, requiring minor maintenance periodically. Long-term maintenance is testing the water to ensure proper filtration and to determine when the media should be changed.

## Spin Down Filter

The spin down filter is installed in front of the Whole House Filtration System to protect it from larger sediment particles that could potentially clog the internal components. It is imperative that this, or another sediment filter, be installed before the Whole House Filtration System to protect it.

**Failure to install a proper sediment filter will void the warranty for the system.**

It may be necessary to drain the spin down filter housing of any built-up sediment particles. Sediment may build up from being present in the water supply, because of broken water pipes and/or system repairs. Locate the spin down filter and observe the clear housing to see if there is any sediment or materials attached to the filter inside. To drain the spin down filter, use a bucket or connect filter to a drain, open the black handle at the bottom, close when sediment is cleared.



Turn the black handle on the Spin Down Filter to drain any sediment seen in the clear housing.

## Media Testing

The media in the tank will need to be changed periodically. On average the media in the tank will last 5-10 years, depending on the incoming water conditions and amount of water filtered. We recommend periodically testing the filter to determine how well it is functioning. If receiving city supplied water, use Chlorine test strips to monitor chlorine levels after the filter. When the system is new, chlorine will be reduced to a non-detectable level. When the media has become saturated with contaminants, chlorine levels will increase indicating it is time to change the internal media. We suggest using chlorine test strips, which can be purchased on our website at [www.radiantlifecatalog.com/test-strips-chlorine](http://www.radiantlifecatalog.com/test-strips-chlorine). A pool chlorine test kit can also be used.

If using well water, testing for chlorine is not possible, unless the water is continually sterilized using chlorine. Under these circumstances, the well water will need to be tested before and after for one specific contaminant, such as lead, to determine if it is time for media change. If testing is not practical, we suggest replacing the media every seven (7) years.

## Media Replacement

When the time comes to replace the media, the tank will need to be disconnected from the bypass valves, media removed, and new media installed. Media replacement instructions and funnel will be provided when purchased.



# Warranty

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## Warranty Scope

Radiant Life warranties to the original purchaser that the Water Filtration System will be free from defects in materials or workmanship in manufacturing except as noted below. During the Warranty Period and subject to the limitations and exclusions set forth below, Radiant Life will, at its option, replace the product or refund the product purchase price if the product fails to satisfy this Limited Product Warranty. No labor to install, test or replace components is covered under this warranty.

The Filtration media carries a pro-rated warranty against defects for a period of five (5) years from the date of purchase. Proof of purchase is required for warranty service.

The digital controls, heads and valves are covered by a 5-year warranty against defects in materials and workmanship.

The tank is covered by a 10-year warranty against defects.

## Warranty Conditions

The product was installed and operated within the operating conditions specified in the installation manual. The individual invoking the warranty is the original purchaser of the Water Filtration System.

The system has been properly maintained, according to the Instruction and Owner's Manual. The amounts of impurities present in the local water supply may require that the media be replaced on a more frequent basis.

## What is not Covered

No warranty is given as to the service life of any filter or media as this will vary depending on incoming water quality and volume of water treated.

This warranty does not cover filters that were not installed according to the instructions provided with your system, operated incorrectly, abused, or improperly maintained.

This warranty also does not cover the following items:

- Performance due to water conditions
- Incidental or consequential damages caused by failure of the product
- Labor costs to install or replace the filters, media, or system
- Damages caused by fire, flood or acts of God
- Damage from non-potable water supplies
- Damages caused by any person

This warranty is voided if the product is not installed with genuine Radiant Life components and in accordance with the provided instructions. This includes, but is not limited to, media, filters, valves, and tanks.

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## How to get service

To receive assistance with your water system and warranty, contact the Water Service Team at 888-593-9595 Opt. #2 or email [waterservice@radiantlife.com](mailto:waterservice@radiantlife.com). Be prepared to provide account details, purchase date, and describe the problem to the representative. Pictures or testing may be required to verify the warranty. Once the warranty is approved, it will be determined if a new part or system will be replaced at no cost to you.

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