

Q: I don't use my whirlpool system very often do I still have to clean it?

A: Yes It is worth keeping up regular cleaning and remember to clean the whirlpool before going on holiday.

A: Yes, even if the whirlpool bath is used as a normal bath tub and the whirlpool isn't activated, the pipework will still get flooded with bath water, this means that soaps, bubble baths etc will leave a residue inside the pipework when the bath water is drained. If this build up is not removed it may encourage bacterial growth.

Q: Should I be worried about Legionnaires Disease in my Whirlpool bath?

A: Legionnaires' disease is most commonly caused where water is kept at a constant temperature for a long period of time such as in a hot tub. As a whirlpool bath is filled and emptied after every use this prevents the growth of the Legionella bacteria.

A: Legionnaires' disease is most often contracted by inhaling mist from water sources such as showers, and cooling towers which are contaminated with Legionella pneumophila bacteria, or other bacteria in the family Legionellaceae.

Legionnaires disease has been associated with Hot Tubs or Spa baths which are not drained after each use. A Whirlpool bath in your bathroom is designed to be drained and filled with fresh water with each use so the risks of legionnaires are minimised as there is no standing body of water. A stringent cleaning and sanitising regime will further minimise the risks of infection.

Q: I was told I could just circulate dishwasher detergents through my system to eliminate the black flecks. Do these methods work?

A: Detergents designed to clean dishes are not formulated to clean jetted whirlpool bathtubs so use a cleaner specifically designed for cleaning whirlpool baths.