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CWS Time Clock Carbon Filter Installation & Start-Up Guide

Thank you for purchasing a Clean Water System! With proper installation and a little routine maintenance your system will be providing chlorine free water for many years.

Please review this start-up guide entirely before beginning to install your system, and follow the steps outlined for best results.

CARBON MEDIA CONTAINS DUST. USE PAPER MASK AND VENTILATE TO AVOID BREATHING DUST.

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Packing List

All systems include:

Time Clock control valve; bypass assembly; power supply; media funnel for adding the carbon media; top scre

What to Do if Your Tank is Not Level Out of the Box:

Carbon Filter 0.75 cubic foot size

8" x 44" filter tank with distributor tube
8 lbs. filter gravel
0.75 cubic foot of activated carbon.

Carbon Filter 1.0 cubic foot size

9" x 48" filter tank with distributor tube
12 lbs. filter gravel
1 cubic foot of activated carbon

Carbon Filter 1.5 cubic foot size

10" x 54" filter tank with distributor tube
16 lbs. Filter gravel
1.5 cubic foot of activated carbon

Carbon Filter 2.0 cubic foot size

12" x 52" filter tank with distributor tube
20 lbs. filter gravel
2.0 cubic foot of activated carbon

Carbon Filter 2.5 cubic foot size

13" x 54" filter tank with distributor tube
35 lbs. filter gravel
2.5 cubic foot of activated carbon

NOTE:

Your black filter tank base is not glued to the bottom of your tank. Occasionally tank bases will become crooked during shipment.

If you find that that your tank does not sit level on the floor, you can easily adjust it by holding the empty tank and knocking or tapping it on a concrete or solid floor once or twice to level it.

Pre-Installation

1. Review your packing list and make sure you have received all the parts before beginning installation.
2. If you are going to be turning off the water to the house and you have an electric water heater, shut off the power to the water heater before beginning installation in case water heater is accidentally drained.
3. Pick a suitable location for your filter system on a dry level spot where it won't be exposed to freezing temperatures. A minimum of 20 PSI is required. Maximum pressure is 90 PSI.
4. Get all of your plumbing parts together before beginning installation. Installation typically takes 3 to 5 hours. However, after installation the Carbon filter must be allowed to run through a complete backwash and rinse cycle.
5. After the system is installed and running, your water may be discolored, or full of sediment or rust, particularly if this is older or corroded piping. Typically, this clears up over a day or two.

Best Practices for Piping & Drain Installation

1. See typical installation (see Fig 2). The Carbon filter is installed after the pressure tank.
2. Make sure to follow to connect the in pipe to the CWS Time Clock inlet and the outlet to the outlet (see Fig 3). As you face the CWS Time Clock control from the front, the water enters on the right and exits on the left. From the back (see Fig 2) the water enters on the left. The inlet and outlet are attached to the bypass valve which is marked with arrows as well.
3. Make sure there is a working gate or ball valve before the CWS Time Clock Carbon Filter and also one after as shown in the diagram Fig 2. The pressure gauges are optional and perhaps not necessary but a hose bib (which is a faucet that you can attach a garden hose to) is strongly recommended after the Carbon filter before the second ball valve. This makes it easy to rinse your new Carbon filter on start-up and gives you a place to test the water before it enters your household plumbing.
4. If you will be using copper piping, do not sweat the copper pipe directly on to the CWS Time Clock control valve. Avoid heating up the CWS Time Clock control valve plastic with the torch.

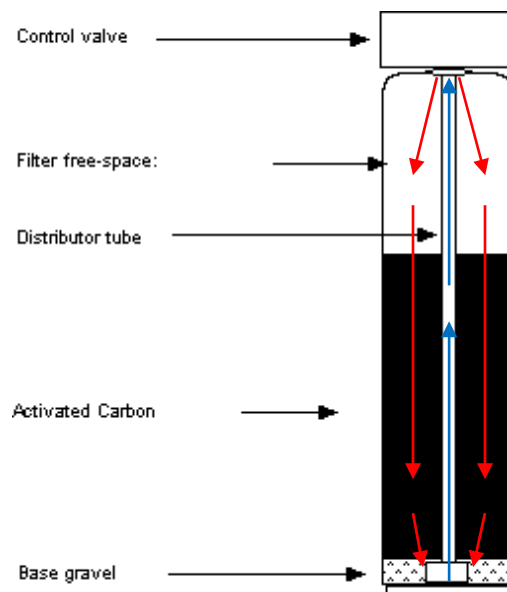
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5. You do not need unions to install your CWS Time Clock control. If you need to remove it, the CWS Time Clock has quick-release couplings that make it easy to put the Carbon filter on by-pass and remove the filter system from the piping.
6. The drain line tubing (not supplied) is connected to a drain from the drain outlet using flexible ½" ID tubing. Note that the drain can run up above the CWS Time Clock control and into a drain, it does not have to drain down, as the filter backwashes under line pressure from your well pump. Most plumbing codes require an air-gap connection, so that if your sewer or septic tank backs up, it cannot cross connect with the drain tubing.

How Your Carbon Filter Works

See Fig 1 below. In your Carbon Filter the water enters the top of the tank (red arrows) and flows down through the media and up the distributor tube (blue arrows). The downflow type Carbon Filter removes sediment and can be backwashed, which cleans and re-classifies the Carbon, preventing channeling. During backwash the flow of water is reversed, and water flows down the distributor tube and up through the media, lifting and expanding the Carbon media. During the backwash the Carbon is cleaned by the action of the water flowing through it.

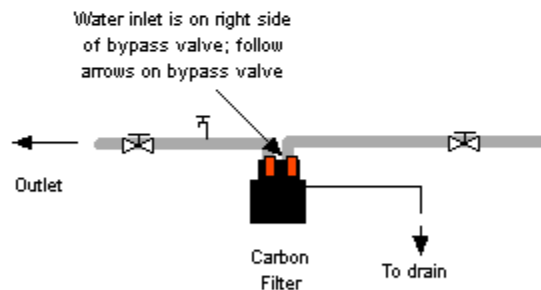
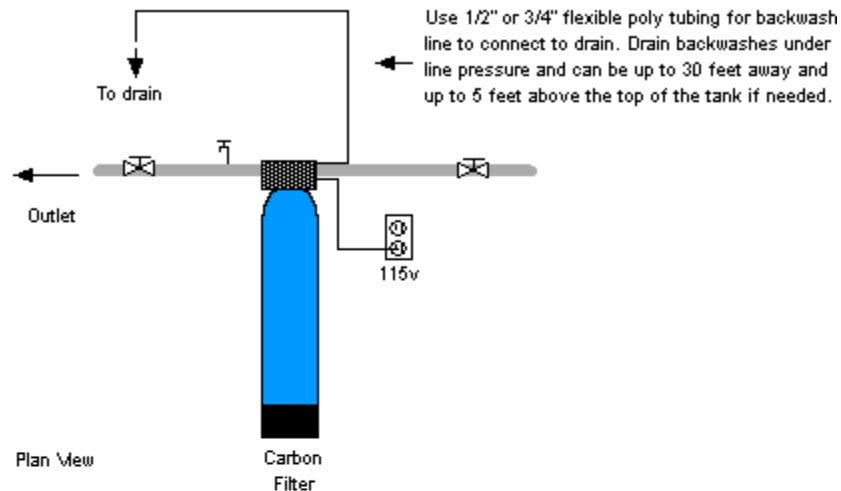
Fig 1 - Carbon Filter Tank Water Flow







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Fig 2 - Typical Carbon Filter CWS Time Clock piping installation with ball valve and hose bib after the filter

Auto Backwash Carbon Filter System for Chlorinated City Water
Flow Diagram Not to scale



Key

-  Gate or ball valve
-  Pressure gauge
-  Hose bib (spigot)
-  Water piping

Notes: follow inlet and outlet arrows on filter for proper installation. Connect 1/2" flexible tubing from backwashing control valve to a drain. If the distance to the drain is more than 20 feet use 3/4" or 1' tubing. Follow all local plumbing and electrical codes.

If you install a hose bib & ball valve after the filter as shown, it will make it easier to service and test the water at a later date.

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Fig 3: CWS Time Clock valve from the rear showing the inlet (left) and outlet (right) end-connector fittings (3/4" or 1" NPT in Noryl plastic).

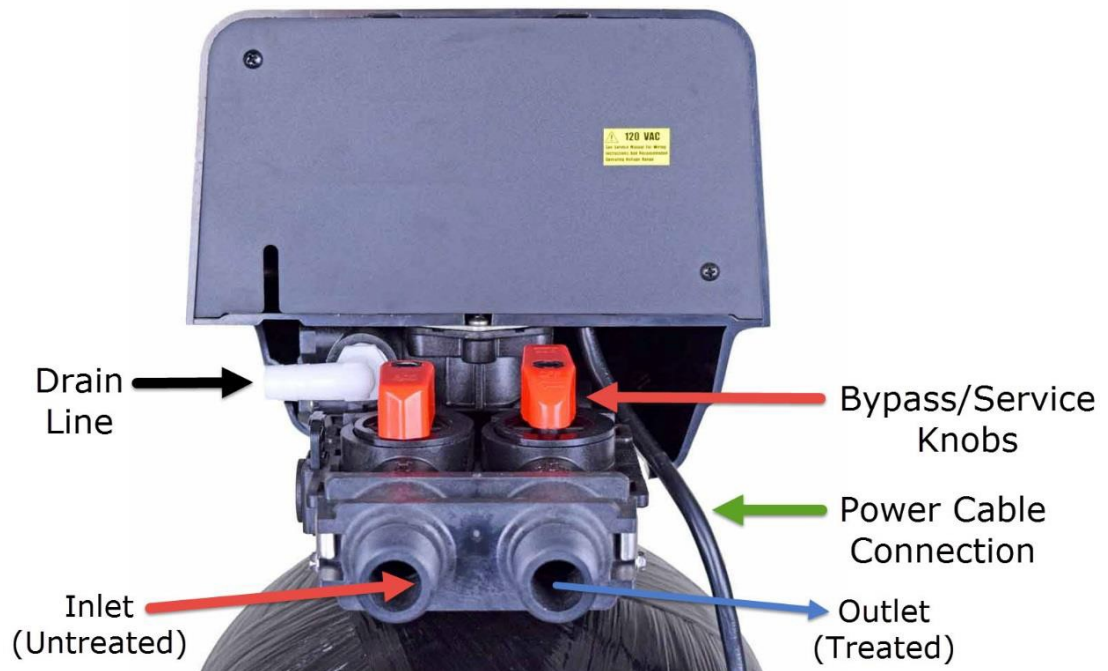
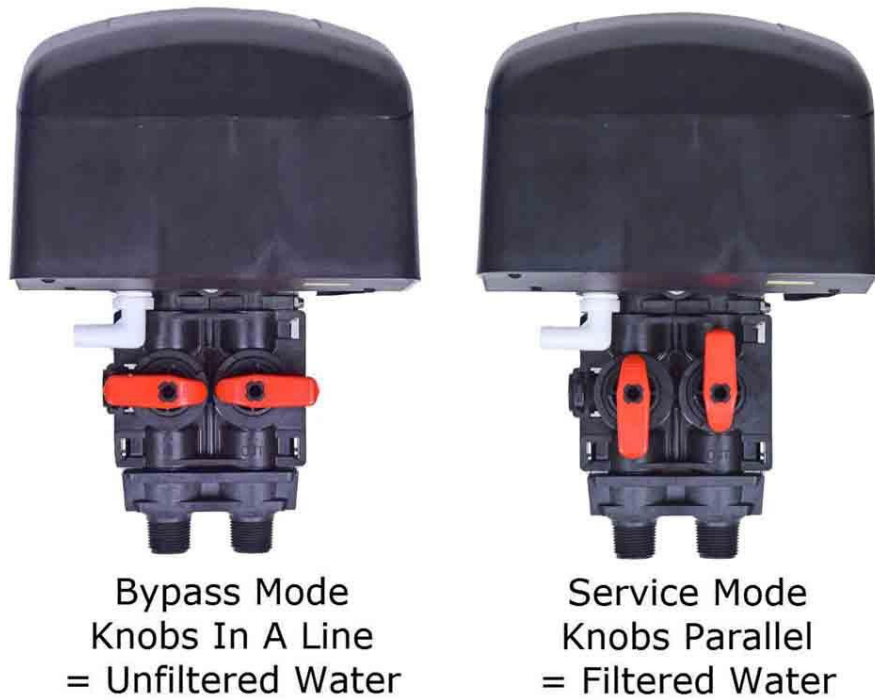


Fig 4: CWS Time Clock Bypass/Service Mode Positions



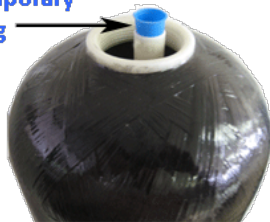
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Assembly and Installation Instructions

1. Unscrew by hand the entire CWS Time Clock control valve from top of tank if it was shipped screwed on. Place distributor tube in tank if not already inside tank. If not already done, make sure blue cap is on top of distributor tube, or wrap the top of distributor tube with electrical or duct tape. You do not want gravel or Carbon to go down the distributor tube.

Plug or tape top of distributor tube to prevent media from entering distributor tube when adding media. Remove when finished.

Temporary plug



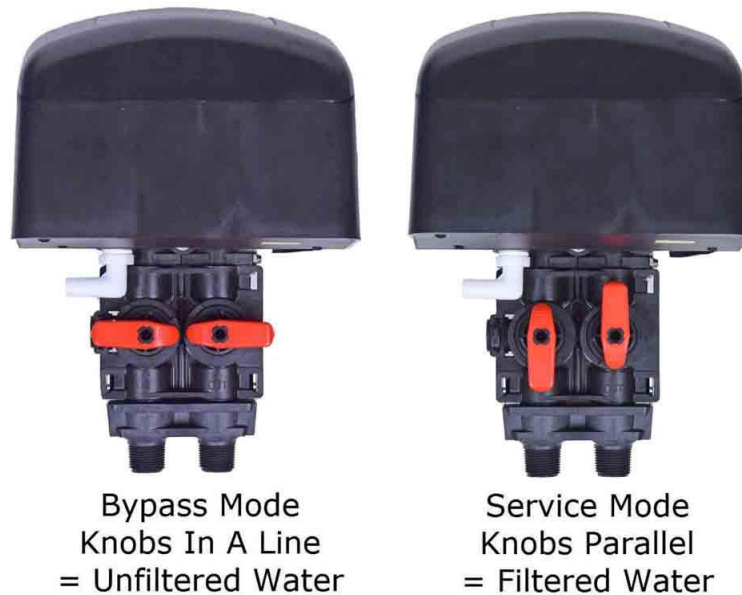
2. Add the filter gravel that came with your order. You want the gravel to cover the bottom distributor screen before adding the Carbon media.
3. Next add Carbon media. The tank should be about 2/3rds full of media, do not fill more than 2/3rds, even if there is some media left over.
4. Remove cap or tape from top of distributor tube. Be careful not to pull up distributor tube when removing cap or tape.
5. If possible at this point, fill tank completely with water. This will allow the Carbon Filter media to settle and eliminate the need of "purging" the air out of the tank later.
6. Attach plastic top screen to the under-side of the CWS Time Clock control valve. It is a funnel-shaped plastic screen that snaps on to the control valve and prevents resin from being backwashed out to drain during the regeneration cycles.



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7. Add a small amount of silicone grease or vegetable cooking oil to the tank threads and screw on CWS Time Clock control valve carefully. Do not use pipe-joint compound, Teflon tape, or Vaseline or other petroleum greases to lubricate tank threads.
8. See how the CWS by-pass is connected. **Your CWS Time Clock is usually shipped in the by-pass position.**

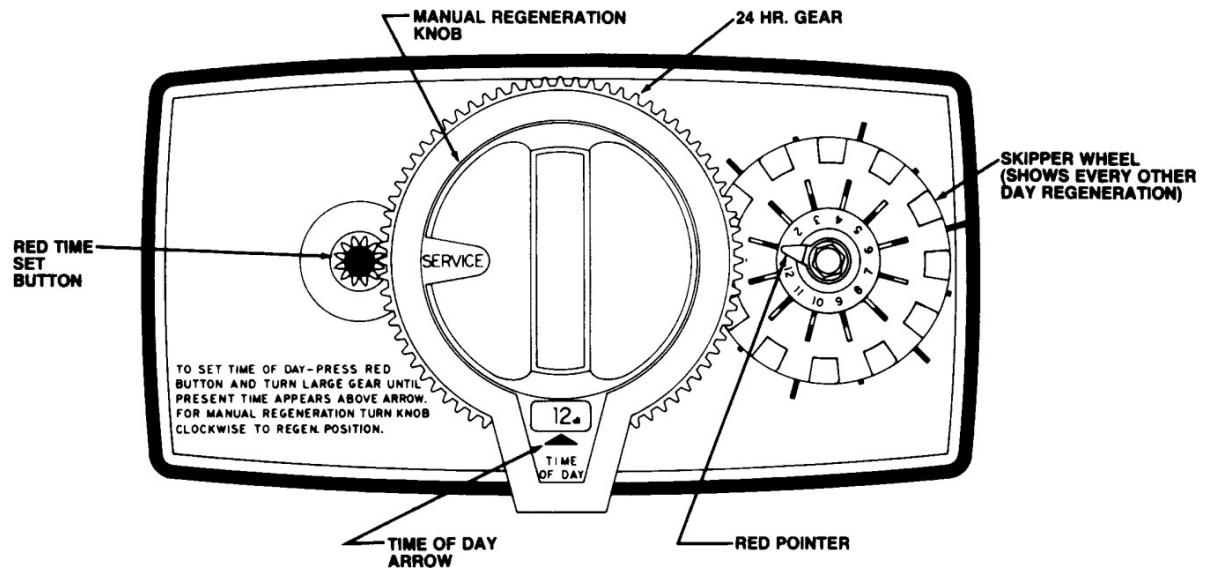
Fig 3 CWS Time Clock By-Pass and Pipe Connectors



9. Note that the CWS Time Clock is usually shipped in the bypass position. There is a bypass valve knob on both the inlet and the outlet (Fig 3 #1). You can easily tell if it is in bypass because the two holes on the bypass knob will be in the vertical position. If the valve is in the Service position (by which is the filtering position or 'in service' position) the holes will be in the horizontal position. Make sure both sides are in the by-pass position.
10. Now install your water pipes to the CWS Time Clock bypass end connectors. Make sure inlet is installed to the 'In' pipe connector on the bypass valve and outlet is on the "Out" connector.
11. Connect some flexible tubing from the drain connection on the CWS Time Clock control valve to a suitable drain such as a septic tank or drain to a sewer. It is OK to run the drain line up and over the CWS Time Clock Carbon Filter up to 4 feet above the top of the tank. If the drain line will be more than 20 feet, use larger diameter tubing such as $\frac{3}{4}$ " or 1". Note that it is desirable to be able to run the drain line into a bucket in order to test the backwash flow rate in the future. This is why hard piping the drain line is discouraged, however, if you do use hard PVC piping for the drain line, and you are able to remove the hard PVC drain piping and attach flexible tubing should you ever desire for testing purposes, it is OK to use rigid PVC pipe for the drain. Make sure the drain tubing is firmly clamped to the barbed fitting with a hose clamp to prevent leaks.

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Fig 6 CWS Time Clock Diagram



12. Plug your CWS Time Clock control valve into an outlet. Your carbon filter comes preset to backwash at 2:00 am if the timer is set to real time of day.
13. Set timer so it reads the real time of day
14. Slide two pins outward on the skipper wheel (Fig 6) to set the system to backwash once every six days (two pins sticking out).
15. Start a manual backwash by turning the Manual Regeneration knob clockwise to backwash. Very slowly turn the inlet knob on the bypass valve towards the service position, but DO NOT open the valve all the way. We want to allow all of the air in the tank to escape before allowing the water to flow freely. The bypass valve knobs may be a little stiff at first.
16. Once water begins to flow from the drain line open the inlet valve all the way. Continue to let the water run from the drain line for about five minutes or until any media fines in the water are no longer present.
17. If possible, verify that the backwash flow is 5 gallons per minute, which is the recommended backwash flow rate for 1.0 and 1.5 cubic foot models. If you have a 2.5 cubic foot Filter it should be backwashing at 8 gallons per minute. You can easily run the drain hose to a bucket and using a watch verify the flow rate in gallons per minute. An adequate backwash is critical to properly clean the Carbon media and prevent it from cementing together.
18. Allow to go through full cycle automatically. Wait 2 hours and initiate another backwash or set the skipper wheel so it backwashes the same night as the installation. The filter media should be backwashed twice for best results when the media is new. This eliminates any potential for milky colored water in the household water and allows the media to be rinsed thoroughly.

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19. After backwashing is completed, open up hose bib, bathtub faucet or other faucet such as a laundry sink without an aerator screen in house and allow water to run for 5 to 10 minutes. If piping inside house is corroded, turning on and off the water may dislodge some loose mineral or material. Aerators on faucets may need to be cleaned later if some of the fixtures inside house start to run more slowly.
20. Pull out two pins so it backwashes every six days; the numbers on the skipper wheel represent a 12-day cycle, so sliding pins 1 and 7 out would be every 6 days. If your water has a lot of sediment or iron in it, set to backwash every 3 - 4 days. If your water is very clean, clear water, and there are only 1 or 2 people in the house, you can set it backwash every 12 days.
21. Maintenance: Check level of media in filter tank every six months by putting control on bypass using the bypass valve, then putting control valve into a backwash (to relieve pressure) and unscrewing the top access plug. If media is less than 2/3rds full, add more media to raise the level to proper depth, and repeat steps 7 through 9 to backwash and clean new media.

Troubleshooting the CWS Time Clock Carbon Filter

One problem that may occur is if you do not have enough backwash flow rate to properly clean the Carbon filter. You can verify the backwash flow rate by running the drain line into a bucket and timing it when the CWS Time Clock is in Cycle 1 or backwash.

In some cases, the CWS Time Clock may not be programmed correctly. See the CWS Time Clock service manual for instructions on how to access the master programming.

How to Change the Carbon Filter Media

Every 4 to 5 years or if chlorine is no longer being removed, the carbon filter media and gravel should be replaced. See Page 3 for how much carbon and gravel is needed, based on your filter size.

1. Shut off water to the filter and release water pressure by opening a hose bib or faucet downstream of the filter and drain water from pipes.
2. Remove each screw from the two metal clips attaching bypass to control valve body.
3. Pull filter tank with control valve on top away from bypass and leave piping intact.
4. Using hands only unscrew entire backwash control valve from top of the tank.
5. Siphon out water from filter tank by inserting a plastic tubing down center distributor tube.
6. Lay down carbon tank on a large tarp (preferably outside) and insert a garden hose into tank. Tilt base of tank up on a block or lift up and allow carbon media to flush out on the tarp.
7. Remove distributor tube and inspect. Distributor should be free of cracks and not look damaged.
8. Follow instructions on Page 8 to add new media and backwash/rinse new media several times.