

STOP USE FIRST Do not soak in discolored, cloudy or slimy water. Test sanitizer & pH before treatment.

Spa / model

Volume (gal)

Fill source / last refill

Observed date

1 WHAT CHANGED BEFORE THE COLOR?

- ☐ Immediately after refill
- ☐ After sanitizer / shock
- ☐ After heavy use
- ☐ After idle / rain
- ☐ After service / pipe work

2 VISUAL CLUES (NOT A DIAGNOSIS)

- ☐ Rust / tea-colored
- ☐ Brown floating grit
- ☐ Dark / black particles
- ☐ Cloudy / slimy
- ☐ Surface stains

3 TEST FIRST

Sanitizer type

Free chlorine / bromine (ppm)

pH

Metal test (if done)

Retest time

CDC reference: free chlorine at least 3 ppm; bromine 4-8 ppm; pH 7.0-7.8. Follow the exact system/product label.

4 NEXT CHECKS

- ☐ Test original fill water (if available)
- ☐ Inspect filter and circulation
- ☐ Check for rust or staining at equipment
- ☐ Contact dealer / water lab if unresolved

5 ACTION & RETEST NOTES

TIME	CONDITION / TEST RESULT	PRODUCT OR ACTION (LABEL-BASED)	RETEST RESULT	STILL BROWN?

Never treat brown water by color alone. Do not mix spa chemicals; check the label and consult a professional if needed.

Sources: CDC hot tub safety; USGS water color / iron & manganese. Educational worksheet, not a water safety certification.