

## **Cottonwood Chokes Motors & Pumps**

Those airborne puffs from cottonwood trees post a real threat to your swimming pool equipment. They clog filter and skimmer baskets and can cause your equipment to burn out completely.

Last year an abundant number of cottonwood seed plugged the air vents of motors and pumps, causing numerous units (some brand new) to burn out. Manufacturers consider cottonwood clogging an “unwarranted situation,” so efforts to obtain compensation from manufacturers was unsuccessful.

To avoid pump and motor problems, North Shore Pool & Spa is strongly recommending that fine mesh screening be placed around the air vents of all pumps and motors without delay after the equipment is started.

The screens, along with your pump and filter baskets, should be cleaned more frequently than usual during cottonwood season to be certain of unrestricted water flow through the baskets and air circulation around pumps and motors.

We consider the cottonwood problem so serious that North Shore Pool & Spa servicemen will be recommending specially made motor screens at each of the pools we open. The screens are available at North Shore Pool & Spa.