



inhibiting the bubbles from pushing the organic waste into the collection cup. The collection cup itself should be washed out 1-2 times a week as well to keep the cup from collecting an excess deposit of waste residue and to avoid trapping a very fishy and unpleasant odor inside.

- Check the flow regulator to make sure you are not overskimming and wasting water. The flow regulator will allow you to optimize the bubble size to make your skimmer more effective.
- Disassemble the inlet pipe and clean it with a bottle [brush](#), and clear air tubes with hot water.
- Inspect the hoses connecting your skimmer to make sure that the connections are tight, there are no kinks, and that all the passageways are open.
- Maintain water levels to ensure that your skimmer doesn't fluctuate from pressure changes and pulls the maximum amount of waste product from the water, maximizing its efficiency.

<p>Question: How can I optimize the performance of my new skimmer?</p>	<p>Answer: A new protein skimmer requires a break-in period of about 1-2 weeks before it reaches optimum performance. During this time, you will make adjustments to optimize the air-water mix.</p>
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