



Comparison of DE, Sand, Cartridge Filters, Perlite, and Fiber Clear

| FEATURE | DE | SAND | CARTRIDGE | PERLITE | FIBER CLEAR |
|---|----|------|-----------|---------|-------------|
| FILTRATION QUALITY (MICRONS) | 4 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| SAFE & NON-TOXIC | 1 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 5 |
| BIODEGRADABLE | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| CAN FILTER 4 MICRON ALGAE SPORES ? | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| COST PER APPLICATION | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| NEEDS CLARIFIERS FOR FINER FILTRATION ? | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| FOOD GRADE PRODUCT | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| EASY FILTER CLEANINGS & BACKWASHES | 3 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| DISPOSAL ISSUES | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 5 |
| USEABILITY SCORE - 5 = HIGH, 3 = AVE, 1= LOW | 21 | 22 | 25 | 21 | 42 |