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Symptoms	Causes	Solutions
White Clouding 	White clouding usually appears due to a BACTERIA BLOOM . These happen in new tanks, when there is some kind of instability in the system, or when there are too many organics.	 Matrix™ Clarity™ Purigen®
Green Clouding 	Green clouding usually appears due to FLOATING ALGAE . This happens in tanks where there is too much nitrate, phosphate, or light.	 Matrix™ Clarity™ PhosGuard™ PhosNet™
Dust Clouding 	Dust clouding usually comes from the GRAVEL or from NEW FILTER MEDIA . This typically only shows up for a day or so and then settles out of the water.	 Clarity™
Algae 	Algae is a pest that usually shows up because of too much NITRATE, PHOSPHATE, or LIGHT . Nitrate and phosphate come from dissolved fish waste in the water or can come in with tap water.	 Matrix™ PhosGuard™ PhosNet™
Ammonia or Nitrite  	Ammonia or Nitrite come from UNSTABLE OR INSUFFICIENT BENEFICIAL BACTERIA COLONIES . When the bacteria colonies are working efficiently and have enough space, they keep these chemicals at 0.	 Matrix™ Ammonia Alert® Stability® Prime®
Nitrate  	Nitrate is a NATURAL RESULT OF FISH WASTE . If you have a buildup, it could be because there is too much waste, you are not doing enough partial water changes, or you need to add extra media for anaerobic denitrifying bacteria.	 Matrix™ Purigen® Stability®
Detritus or Slime 	Detritus or slime show up when there is TOO MUCH ORGANIC WASTE in the tank. A bit of detritus is normal, but an excessive amount could mean there is not enough beneficial bacteria to break down the organic waste.	 Matrix™ Purigen® Pristine™