

Myth: *Filtering your Silver Bath in the daylight or anywhere but under safelight conditions will cause fog and even dirt to show up on any subsequent images made on plates sensitized in that bath.*

This is absolute cockamamie nonsense. You are filtering the bath, for crying out loud! If any organic matter is present or were to come out of solution due to the action of white light, it will be, obviously, filtered out. In effect, you are doing a quickie sunning as well as a cleaning of the bath all at the same time. Wouldn't that be good for the bath? Of course! The next images done with it will be spic and span clean. Believe me, after doing all my bath filtering for almost forty years in the daylight without any problems with images as a result, I can tell you, "You have nothing to fear!"

Do your filtering with a large size fast or medium flow laboratory grade filter paper and a Silver Nitrate solution's dedicated funnel made of glass or plastic. Another option is to use two white coffee filters together and that will do a fine job but will be a somewhat slower flow. The worst possible, and I mean forget it, choice for filtering the bath, or anything for that matter, is to use cotton balls stuffed into the neck of a funnel. The flow is excruciatingly slow and you risk getting cotton filaments into whatever you are filtering. Remember you are trying to get junk out and not put junk in!

It is always best to filter your Silver Bath into and store it in a black or brown plastic screw cap bottle or jug. For reasons of safety, never use a container that had food or beverage ever packaged in it! Mark the container well and as POISONOUS! A dark amber glass chemical bottle will work, also, but there is the real risk of breakage unless it is the type that is plastic coated.

Final Silver Bath Warning: Don't let yourself be drawn into the inane routine of having one or more Silver Baths in fish bowls or candy jars sitting around on window sills, or such, sunning, to alternate with your working bath. A small silver mine has been lost over the years by this, yet another, cockamamie protocol foisted on the wet-plate community by the so called Wet-plate "experts" in various high places. Think Murphy's Law and then envision tanks or fish bowls getting knocked off silver stained window sills. Not to mentioned, poisoned pets, ruined carpets, and all manner of household mayhem. No one needs to be a baby sitter for a bunch of sunning Silver Baths!