



WINTERIZING RECOMMENDATIONS

For closing your own pool.

- **Keep water clear all winter by treating the water now and periodically during the winter.**
- Vacuum pool and remove all dirt and leaves.
- Backwash and clean your pool filter. USE A POOL FILTER CLEANER FOR THIS.
- We recommend you drain your pool to just below the return lines so you can see the water coming out of the lines. After a gunite pool is closed, you should refill the pool to about 2" below the tile to protect the plaster. On vinyl pools the water level can be left about 12" below the normal water level.
- Drain the filter, pump(s), and heater. (Above ground pools - store equipment inside.)
- Blow out all underground plumbing - install rubber expansion plugs to keep water out of pipes.
- Remove pressure gauge(s), pump basket, skimmer baskets, inlet fittings, and thermometers and store them inside.
- Remove and store solar cover inside.
- Remove safety line, ladder(s), diving board, and any other items that might be damaged during the winter and store in a safe area.
- Put small amount of Pool Anti-freeze in the bottom of the skimmer(s) and leave remaining anti-freeze in the bottle and store it in the skimmer if it fits.
- **CHLORINE** - Superchlorinate you pool with 1 lb. of Calcium Hypochlorite per 10,000 gallons. Add Winter Algaecide according to dosage directions on the bottle.
- Cover your pool with a strong winter type cover. Pools which can be stained easily must be covered.
- Check the pool periodically during the winter until it freezes. If it needs sanitizer, pre-dissolve some of your sanitizer in water and pour it around the sides of the pool.
- Check sanitizer level in the spring and if necessary, add additional sanitizer. Pre-dissolve the chlorine first.

It is much more economical to keep your pool water clear during the winter rather than letting algae grow. The chlorine needed to keep the water clear will cost far less than the tremendous amount of chlorine needed to clear the water in the spring.

Materials needed:

- Chemical Winterizing Kit
- Rubber Expansion Plugs
- Pool Cover w/Anchors (Water Tubes or Tie Down Anchors)



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