



7 Easy Steps to Winterize Your Above Ground Pool

1) Clean Your Pool – Your pool should be thoroughly cleaned before closing. Vacuum the floor and skim the surface before proceeding to the next step. Even a few leaves can result in staining over the winter.

2) Balance Your Chemicals – Balance the chemicals the same way you would if you were maintaining your pool during the swimming season. All levels should be within their desired range. Add corrective chemicals as needed. No other special chemicals are required.

3) Lower The Water Level – Drain the water until the level is just below the skimmer and inlet openings. Remove and store all equipment hoses. ***If the inlet is more than 4” below the skimmer, install a plug before the hose is removed and keep water level just below the skimmer opening.***

4) Drain The Equipment – Drain plugs must be removed from all equipment; filter, pump, in-line chlorinator/mineralizer, and heater. Remove all chlorine from the chlorinator. Place the filter valve in the Winterize/Closed position. Place all drain plugs and inlet eye in the pump or skimmer basket for convenience during spring opening. The pump can be stored indoors during the winter season but, it is not required.

5) Store Your Pool Items – Your ladder needs to be removed from the water and stored. All maintenance equipment, floating chlorinator (emptied), pool toys, and hoses should be stored indoors for the winter.

6) Cover Your Pool – Insure that your cover lies properly over the water (refer to diagram below). Install the cable and operate the winch accordingly. If you use cover clips, install them at this time.

7) Maintain Your Cover – Winter covers are designed to have approximately one inch of water on the surface to protect against wind damage. Any time there is more than this amount, it must be drained from the top of the cover. Do not place pump on a cover seam while draining.

