

POOL CLOSING TIPS

Closing your pool properly saves time and money. As I can tell that you are interested in both, let's get right down to it.

POOL CLOSING CLEANING TIPS

- Clean the pool deck to prevent wind-blown debris
- Run the pool filter pump 24/7 for a few days before closing
- Spotlessly skim, vacuum and brush, before lowering the water
- Skim the pool again before covering the pool

POOL CLOSING CHEMICAL TIPS

- Test and balance the water, then [shock](#) the pool, 3-5 days before closing
- Add [winter algaecide](#) and [stain & scale](#) after lowering water level
- Use [Enzymes](#) and Chlorine [Floaters](#) for mesh covered pools
- Don't add chlorine shock at the same time as stain or algaecide chemicals
- Don't add chlorine shock and then cover the pool immediately

WINTERIZING POOL EQUIPMENT TIPS

- Backwash filter and use a [Pool Filter Cleaner](#) to remove scale and oils
- Remove drain plugs on pumps, filter, heater and chlorinators
- [Lubricate](#) o-rings on pump lid, slide valves, air relief, drain plugs
- Protect the skimmer with a [Skimmer Guard](#) or [Skimmer Plug](#)
- Pool cleaners - store carefully, lay the hose or cable flat in large coils
- Solar blankets - use a [Reel Cover](#), or store the solar cover indoors

POOL PLUMBING WINTERIZATION TIPS

- Lower water 4" below skimmer for [solid covers](#) or 12" for mesh [safety covers](#)
- Use a [Cyclone Blower](#) to blow-out skimmers, drains, returns and water features
- Use [winter pool plugs](#) in good condition, to seal up wall returns and skimmers
- Close off a Jandy-type valve on the main drain, after blowing out water
- Add non-toxic [Pool Antifreeze](#) for added protection against freeze damage

WINTER POOL COVER TIPS

- Lay out the cover on the side of the pool with the most room to maneuver
- Weigh down one end, or attach springs on one side, and pull cover across pool
- Aboveground pools should use [Air Pillows](#) and either wall [clips](#), [seal](#) or [bags](#)
- Seal up any gaps around the cover edge where leaves can enter the pool
- Safety cover [springs](#) - hook half to [anchors](#) by hand, use the [tool](#) for other half
- Inground Solid cover [water bags](#) - lay end to end, doubled in tight areas
- Solid covers with heavy nearby trees – save time with a [Leaf Catcher](#)

Every pool is different, and as such, every pool closing is slightly different, but the 4-step process is the same with all pools – you could call it the **4-C's** of pool winterization - Clean, Close, Chemical and Cover:

CLEAN: Skim, vacuum, brush. Over-chlorinate and over-filter the pool water in days prior to closing.

CLOSE: Store the removable items, clean and lube the pump and filter, blow and plug the lines.

CHEMICAL: Balance the water, shock the pool, add other chemicals after water is lower.

COVER: Tightly secure the pool cover quickly over the pool (before it gets dirty again).

The first time you winterize your own pool it may take 3-4 hours, but after some practice, you'll cut that time in half. If you have any questions on how to winterize your particular pool, give us a call – we're happy to help you with any pool winterization questions.