



Tips for Pool Winterizing



Winterizing Pump & Filter

FILTER

- Sand Filters carry the load all summer long and play an important role in water balance and clarity. It is recommended to either clean at beginning of season or end of season. We also recommend changing the sand every 5-7 years. If you struggled with any algae issues a definite clean is recommended or possibly it's time to change the sand. A cartridge filter will require cleaning. Use a proper cartridge filter cleaner, do not high pressure wash your filter and do not separate the pleats. We also suggest a secondary set for spring start up and switching them out for pool season maintenance.
- Remove drain plug at the bottom of the filter *reminder* there will be a gasket with the drain plug.
- Remove the pressure gauge and sightglass
- Place the filter handle in the closed position or lifted between the backwash & rinse

PUMP

- Remove plug from front of pump (outside front just below the basket) note: some pumps have two plugs check just behind the pump basket area to ensure there is no plug. Drain the water.
- Reinsert plug(s) add 1 litre of Lubricant antifreeze into pump and then fill then store any gaskets or orings in the pump. Pumps are wet ends they are meant to stay lubricated.

Suction Line and Skimmer:

- If your pool has a functioning main drain line, put approximately three feet of foam rope down the main drain line (located in the skimmer). Plug it off with a rubber expandable plug or a threaded plug wrapped in teflon tape.
 - Make sure any remaining water is completely out of the skimmer and suction line. Use a shop vac to ensure all water has been removed.
 - Pour approximately two liters of **Dazzle™ Premium Antifreeze** down your suction line, then feed approximately two feet of foam rope down the suction line for best protection.
 - Use a "gizmo" to plug this line and absorb any expansion in the skimmer.
 - After the skimmer has been plugged and expansion device installed, pour additional **Premium Antifreeze** into the skimmer for extra protection.
- Place winter cover on pool.
 - If you have a winter cover which requires winter bags, place water bags around cover: Place water bags through loops. Fill to approximately 50%, be careful not to over fill. Ideally, water bags should be touching end to end.
 - Add 1" of water to the topside of the cover to help provide stability for windy days.
 - Ensure you enough top-up amount of water is to be placed under the cover to raise the pool water level to the correct line for winter.
 - If you have a high water table and decide to not lower the water level and to use **Duck Plugs**, please contact us so we may advise on some tips on closing full.
 - Clean, protect and preserve your solar blanket by cleaning properly before storage with **Dazzle™ Cover Cleanse**.

If you are using a safety, mesh or no cover, re-treat with shock and algicide at the first thaw in the spring to reduce the risk of algae at opening. Consult your **Dazzle™ Retailer** on how best to do this. Always pre-mix products when applying to cold water and when the pump/filter is not in operation.

Note: Each pool is unique, for more comprehensive winterizing instructions, you may wish to contact us.



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