

# AG | WINTERIZE

## STEP-BY-STEP

1. Bring in pool water sample for analysis to properly balance pH, alkalinity and calcium hardness before lowering pool level.
2. Vacuum pool, skim surface of debris and clean liner with Aqua Vinyl Liner Cleaner.
3. Lower pool water so that there is 2 feet of water remaining in the pool.
4. Test water for chlorine.  
**If below 5ppm add 1L Sodium Hypochlorite 12% / 10,000 liters.**  
\*Wait 6-8 hours before adding further chemical\*  
ADD:
  - **500ml Wham-O**
  - **500g Aqua Brite Plus (salt pools - use Saline Booster)**
  - **500ml Cop Out (salt pools - use Sea Quest Protector)**
5. Remove directional ball retainer ring and ball from return assembly. Remove and clean skimmer basket.
6. Remove pool ladder or step.
7. Remove pump basket, clean and use for storage of equipment parts.
8. Remove pump drain plug(s). Store in pump basket.
9. Remove filter pressure gauge(s) and drain plug. Store in pump basket.  
Three common filters found: **SAND, CARTRIDGE, and D.E.**  
**SAND** | turn dial head to winterize position. If no winterize position is shown on dial valve place selector handle "midway" between two positions.  
**CARTRIDGE** | open tank, remove cartridges and clean. Lightly pressure wash cartridge to remove outer debris. Soak cartridges 24 hours in a solution of **Aqua Filter Free** and then thoroughly rinse. Store in a warm area.  
**D.E.** | follow same procedure as cartridge



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## **PROPER CLOSING LEVELS**

**CHLORINE** | 7ppm - 10ppm

**ALKALINITY** | 100ppm - 150ppm  
**Salt Pools** | 60ppm - 100ppm

**PH** | 7.2 - 7.8

**HARDNESS** | 200ppm - 400ppm

**STABILIZER** | N/A

**PHOSPHATES** | N/A

\*N/A Not Applicable for Closing

see other side for further instruction →

10. Winterize heater. There are 4 types of pool heaters: **GAS, SOLAR, ELECTRIC, and HEAT PUMP**

#### **GAS |**

- Turn on main gas supply
- Open heater door
- Turn gas valve to "on" position
- Re-connect heater pressure switch
- Close heater drain cocks and/or drain plugs
- Close pressure relief valve
- Close heater door
- Relight heater by following manufacturer direction

**SOLAR |** Reinstall drain plug(s) from bottom of panels

**ELECTRIC |** Reinstall drain plug from bottom of tank. Turn on breaker in electrical panel

**HEAT PUMP |** Reconnect lines. Turn on breaker in electrical panel

11. If there is a chlorinator, remove drain plug and/or tubing. Store parts in pump basket.
12. **Winterize Skimmer |** Using wet/dry shop vacuum, suck out residual water by placing shop vacuum hose inside the suction line from inside pump strainer housing. Install Gizzmo and fill skimmer with **Aqua Pool Anti-Freeze**.
13. **Winterize Return Lines |** Use wet/dry shop vacuum to suck water out of lines at pool. A whistling sound of air should be heard at equipment drains once water has been evacuated from line.
14. **Install Winter Cover |** The cover should lay on pool water, meet the pool wall and go up and over top ledge. Tighten rope using winch to prevent the cover from pulling over top ledge into pool. The use of winter wall bags and the addition of 1" of water on top of the winter cover will help reduce problems in high wind areas.
15. In areas where there are a lot of leaves, the use of **Leaf Nets** is recommended. The fishnet-like cover is placed on top of the winter cover while the trees shed their foliage. Pulling the leaf net to one end of the pool and bagging them will eliminate the buildup of leaves on top of the cover. Foliage left to "stew" on the cover allows contamination to permeate through the weaved winter cover therefore, causing poor water quality in the spring. Whether you remove by leaf net or by pole and skimmer net **removal of leaves is highly recommended**.
16. Store all removed parts in skimmer baskets and keep inside. All plastics (vacuum hose, heads, thermometer, etc.) will last longer if taken inside.

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