

IG | WINTERIZE

STEP-BY-STEP

1. Bring in a water sample from your pool 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 2"- 4" below skimmer faceplate. Two common systems:

Separate skimmer and main drain line to pump | turn off skimmer valve at pump

Main drain line connected to skimmer | place vacuum hose directly into rear hole in skimmer and leave main drain hole (closest to pool) open

4. Remove and clean the skimmer basket and use for storage of pool parts.
5. Remove ladder(s). Store rubber bumpers, escutcheons and wedges in skimmer basket. Place ladder(s) in sheltered location.
6. Remove pool return directional eyeball(s) and retainer ring(s). Store in skimmer basket.
7. If there is a standard pool light, remove top retaining screw and place pool fixture on top of pool deck. **For fiber-optic lighting simply turn off breaker in electrical panel**
8. If there is a pool slide, disconnect water supply line, remove drain plug (if equipped with one), disconnect and remove any tubing. Store any parts in skimmer basket.
9. Once the water level has been lowered to correct level, turn off pump. Turn off breaker in electrical panel.
10. Remove the pump basket, clean and use for storage of equipment parts.
11. Remove pump drain plug(s). Store in pump basket.
12. Remove filter pressure gauge(s) and drain plug located near or at the bottom of filter tank. 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 →

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

GAS |

- Turn off main gas supply
- Open heater door
- Turn gas valve to off position
- Disconnect heater pressure switch
- Open heater drain cocks and/or drain plugs, lift open pressure relief valve
- Store any removed parts in pump basket
- Blow or suck out drains using wet/dry shop vacuum to ensure all drains are clear
- Close heater door

SOLAR | Remove drain plug(s) from bottom of panels, store in pump basket. When drained, use shop vacuum to remove remaining water..

ELECTRIC | Remove drain plug from bottom of tank. Store in pump basket. Turn off breaker in electrical panel.

HEAT PUMP | Disconnect lines. Use shop vacuum to suck out remaining water. Reconnect lines. Turn off breaker in electrical panel.

14. If there is a chlorinator, remove drain plug and/or tubing. Store parts in pump basket.

15. WINTERIZE SKIMMER

Step 1 | There are 2 ways your pipes are connected

A. Separate main drain line to pump | open skimmer valve at pump

B. Main drain line connected to skimmer | install 4' foam rope into main drain. Last 6" of foam rope should be folded over and doubled before pushing into hole. Install threaded or expandable rubber plug in main drain hole.

Step 2 | Using wet/dry shop vacuum to suck out remaining water in skimmer housing. Then place suction hose in rear hole and suck out water from underground line that leads to pump. A whistling sound coming out of pump and filter drain holes confirms that the water has been evacuated from skimmer line. Add 2 liters of **Aqua Pool Anti-Freeze** into skimmer hole. Install 4' foam rope doubling over last 6". Install skimmer Gizzmo. Add remaining antifreeze to skimmer housing.

16. WINTERIZE RETURN LINES

Returns above water | 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. Place 4' foam rope in each return doubling up last 6" of rope. Cap or plug each return.

Returns below water | Disconnect return line at equipment. Using wet/dry shop vacuum, blow out returns. Vacuums must run continually throughout this process. Place 4' foam rope in each return doubling up last 6". Air must be coming out each return to ensure enough water has been evacuated from line, cap or plug each return. Turn off shop vacuum and re-attach line.

17. Blow or suck out slide line. Vacuum any molded slide tubes that may retain water.
18. Double check equipment. Make sure all drains are removed, valves are in the open position and all electrical breakers related to the pool have been shut off in electrical panel.
19. Test water for chlorine. If below 5ppm add **1L Sodium Hypochlorite 12%** / 10, 000 liters. *Wait 6-8 hours before adding further chemical*

ADD:

- **1L Wham-O**
- **1kg Aqua Brite (salt pools - use Saline Booster)**
- **1L Cop Out (salt pools - use Sea Quest Protector)**

20. Fill your water bags and set aside while you install your winter cover. Make sure the cover lies completely on top of the pool water, and is square to the pool wall, straight up the wall and out on the deck.
21. Place water bag's around the perimeter of your pool approximately 18" away from the edge, Make sure the water bag's are placed on top of the cover edges, closely together / overlapping slightly with no gaps left between ends.
22. The addition of 1" of water on top of the cover will help reduce problems in high wind areas.
23. In areas where there are a lot of leaves, the use of a **Leaf Net** is highly recommended. The net like cover is placed on top of the winter cover to prevent leaves from building up while the trees shed their foliage. Pulling the leaf cover to one end of the pool and bagging them will eliminate the build up of leaves on top of the winter cover. Foliage left to "stew" on the cover allows contamination to penetrate through the weaved winter cover causing poor water quality in the spring. Removal of leaves from on top of winter cover is highly recommended.

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