



12 Hot Tub Winterizing Tips

These may or may not apply to your hot tub or user style, but there's probably one here that could save you a buck or two a month.

Read on and learn how to save energy on your hot tub in the winter.



1. Program your filter/heat cycles to run at night if you have a "night-rate" meter.
2. Leave all air controls/valves OFF, as you don't want to pull in outside air to push through your jets when the tub is not being used.
3. Consult your owner's manual to see if your controls have a "economy" or "standby" mode, leaving your tub 10-15 degrees cooler than your set temp.
4. Use a [thermal blanket](#) or "solar cover" to keep evaporation down under your spa cover.
5. Break down and buy that [new cover](#)! It may cost now, but will save you energy and ease-of-use in the long run. I talk w/ a lot of people who are too "lazy" to go 'tubbin because their cover is such a pain to deal with!!
6. [Portable spa](#) owners will benefit from a layer of foam board insulation under theirs, as they are typically not well insulated on the floor.
7. Obstruct prevailing winds with a privacy panel or fence...this sometimes can lead to BIG energy savings.

- 8.** Take a peek inside your spa cabinet...can you add some insulation? I recommend foil-faced bubble-wrap, available at most home improvement stores. It's waterproof, cuts w/ scissors, staples/stuffs in and is R3 per 1/4" !! (the 'double-bubble' is best).
- 9.** Keep tub out from under drip edges, as water and ice falling on cover/cabinet will drop temps more than normal.
- 10.** Closely inspect bottom and top perimeter of your cabinet. Are there any voids where heat is sneaking out, and mice in??
- 11.** This is a tough one, but positioning your tub on a South-facing exposure, or in a sun-exposed corner does wonders for melting snow/ice, and keeping temps up on the spa cover vinyl.
- 12.** Lastly, be sure to use your spa on the coldest nights when you have a chill...that's why you spent all that money, right??

About CNY Hot Tubs

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We stock a huge selection of hot tub parts, supplies and chemicals for all makes and models - and specialize in [Emerald Spas](#), [Softub](#) and [Saratoga Spas](#). We are hot tub enthusiasts ourselves, realize how important your hot tub is to you, and want to make sure you are using the right products for your spa!