



5 Tips to Protect Your Spa Cover

You've just spent \$300-500 on a new [hot tub cover](#), and you wonder why the last one only lasted you 3 years?

Here are some pro tips from an expert with 17+ years in the spa business on how to make your cover last.



1. UV Protection

If you're in the Southern states, a quality UVA/UVB vinyl protectant is mandatory. Apply as directed 3-4 times a year.

DO NOT use 'Armor-All' brand protectant as it contains petroleum distillates and damages vinyl long-term. A quality saddle soap or marine application protectant is good, or try our guaranteed [303 Protectant spray](#).

2. Keep Bromine to a MINIMUM

If you use [Bromine](#), keep the levels to a MINIMUM, as the gas trapped under the cover will "orange peel" the underside and make it brittle.

3. Let your spa 'air out' after you shock

When you [shock](#) weekly, it's very important to leave your cover open/off for a jet run cycle (15-20 min.) so expelled gases can escape. This protects the underside of your cover, as well as clears your water for clarity.

4. Inspect for cuts/rips in the vinyl

Inspect cover for cuts/pokes through vinyl, breaching the inner plastic vapor barrier. The barrier protects the foam core of your cover, keeping it dry. As soon as a small hole is made, the foam cores are so dry, they will wick in moisture slowly and get heavier and heavier.

To fix the plastic - get it dry and use good quality clear postal mailing tape to seal it back up. To repair cuts/holes in vinyl try our [Permatex vinyl repair kit](#). This is a premium kit, and is most effective when cover is dry.

Most cuts can be glued from the back side by adding a small scrap over cut and putting tape on front side, pulling it back into shape. A good [vinyl glue](#) can be found at NAPA auto parts stores, called 'VLP'.

5. Reverse the sag in your foam

Lastly, you can remove your foam cores (they all zipper out at hinge) and flip them over and put them back in to reverse the 'sag'. This should be done once a year, or twice a year if your tub is 7' or bigger. This is a good time to inspect plastic bagging for holes, cuts & fix!

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