

POOL WINTERIZING INSTRUCTIONS

1 – VACUUM the pool and remove all debris and objects from inside the pool.

2 – SHOCK the pool water with [OMNI QUICK SHOCK](#) or unstabilized chlorine. Allow the water to circulate for a minimum of two hours, or let run overnight. Add [Prevention 40 Algaecide](#); add [OMNI Stain & Scale Control](#).

For regular pool water add [NATURAL CHEMISTRY Pool Magic + Phosfree](#).

For salt water pools add [NATURAL CHEMISTRY Salt Water Magic](#).

Follow all manufacturers' dosage instructions. Test and adjust pool water pH to 7.6 – 7.8 PPM.

Do not close pool with pre-existing algae conditions.

3 – LOWER THE POOL WATER level to just below the lowest return jet or suction inlet fitting.

4 – REMOVE return jet eyeballs, skimmer baskets, deck accessories (diving boards, ladders, handrails, safety rope, etc.). Pool lights must be removed from pool wall niches and either lowered and weighted down to the bottom of the pool, or placed on pool deck. **DO NOT DISCONNECT LIGHT WIRES.**

5 - REMOVE drain plugs from pump, filter, heater (open drain valves), drain automatic feeders, disconnect or drain any additional accessories and remove pressure gauge(s). For gas heaters, disconnect the water connection on the pressure switch and allow tube to drain, shut off all gas valves, and open the pressure relief valve (if installed). For salt water pools, clean salt generator cell with [CELL SAVER CELL CLEANER](#) and follow manufacturers' storage recommendations. Always follow all equipment manufacturers' winterizing guidelines.

HELPFUL TIP

Place all filtration plugs, etc. in pump strainer basket for storage. Place all pool fittings, etc. in skimmer basket(s) for storage.

6 - Using a Wet/Dry Vacuum, remove all water from return plumbing by either vacuuming or blowing from return fittings and alternate this procedure from all fittings until no water remains. Remove water from suction line by vacuuming water from the skimmer suction pipe (the hole usually farthest from the pool in skimmer). If the main drain line is open to the skimmer (the hole usually closest to the pool in skimmer), insert 2' foam ["Pipe Protector"](#) rope into main drainpipe and plug with a ["Gizzmo"](#) (skimmer expansion bottle) before vacuuming suction line.

7 - Prior to plugging all fittings, insert approximately 2' of ["Pipe Protector"](#) into each fitting allowing ["Pipe Protector"](#) to extend down into elbows or bends in pipes. Use Teflon tape on all threaded plugs.

8 – FOR [SECURITY COVER](#) users, simply install cover onto existing deck anchors as per manufacturer instructions. Inspect cover and hardware to ensure the integrity of installation. Add one 4 L bottle of **Hivercide** water preserver to pool water.

9 – FOR [TARPAULIN WINTER COVER](#) users, place cover over pool. Arrange winter cover so that the cover lies on the deck, then falls down each side of pool wall and lays flat across the pool water. Ensure that there is slack material in the corners and step sections to allow for precipitation to build up. **PLACE WATER TUBES** end to end around perimeter of the pool. Fill water tubes 2/3 (two-thirds) full. If the water tubes tend to roll, either bend the water tube at each end or use double chamber water tubes. For aboveground pools without a deck, winch wire rope tightly around pool perimeter below ledge caps. Please note, winter covers perform a membrane between the clean pool water and the precipitation and debris on top of the winter cover. **DO NOT USE BRICKS OR ROCKS TO SECURE COVER.** Add one 4 L bottle of **Hivercide** water preserver to top of winter cover.

Tarpaulin winter covers are not intended to suspend water, snow and ice. Verify and compare pool size and cover size before installation of pool cover to ensure adequate material coverage.

HELPFUL TIP

Pad any rough or sharp edges that may puncture or tear the winter cover when under stress. If the pool is exposed to windy conditions, add a layer of water to the top of winter cover to secure cover. **DO NOT** close your pool if you sense you have a leak or are losing water.

IMPORTANT

Due to changing municipal environmental bylaws, check with your local bylaw office for any restrictions and guidelines for the disposal of pool water.

The above information is a guideline for the process of closing a pool. It is recommended to refer to all manufacturers' owner's manuals for your specific equipment to ensure proper winterization.

Due to variations in pool design, construction, and natural elements, DISCOUNTER'S POOL AND SPA WAREHOUSE is not liable for damages or otherwise as a result of following suggested guidelines. If you are uncertain and/ or unable to properly winterize your pool, contact a pool service professional.