

Pool Closing

Guide* - Above Ground



Materials

Winter Plug (For Return Fitting)

Winter Closing Kit

Winter Cover

Balancing Chemicals

Preparation

1. Balance Pool Water, Clean Pool and Read any Manufacturers Directions (Follow Manufacturers guidelines first).
2. Begin the process by adding all closing chemicals to the water per the enclosed instructions and allowing the chemicals to circulate for at least 2 hours.(Pool Water should be clean and balanced before closing.)
3. Backwash the filter system one last time.
4. Lower the water level to a point that is 1 Inch below the skimmer face plate.
5. After the water has been lowered remove deck hardware. This includes ladders, Steps, hand rails and safety lines.
6. Next Remove the skimmer basket(s), Directional/Return Fitting('eyeballs', these usually have three parts).

Plumbing

6. Thread a plug into the inside of the wall fitting(This is where the 'eyeball' fitting was).
7. Disconnect & Remove all connector hoses.

Pump and Filter

8. Shut off the electric for the pump at your breaker box and unplug.
9. Disconnect the Pump and Drain the housing by turning the pump upside down.
10. Store the pump in a place that will not freeze such as your basement.
11. Sand filter - Turn the handle to the Winter or Open position the valve on top of the tank. This allows the water to drain from the tank. Drain the filter tank by removing the plug at the bottom of the tank.(allowing the tank to drain is very important. If you do not get all the water out it will freeze and crack) Also remove the pressure gauge and site glass. (Put the tank plug, site glass and pressure gauge in a safe place as we will want to leave them off all winter). Place a large garbage bag or tarp over the tank and secure it for the winter weather.
12. Earth Filter - Open the Valve or Remove the plug at the bottom of the tank to allow the water to drain out. Earth Filter should be chemically cleaned before storing for the winter. This typically involves disassembling the tank in order to degrease and possibly acid wash the fingers or Grids. After the filter has been cleaned place it with the pump in the basement.

Cover (The cover placement is usually a two person job.)

13. Air Pillows - Can be secured in the middle of the pool to elevate the center of the cover.
14. Cover - Stretch the cover out over the pool and loop the cable through the grommets on the edge of the cover all the way around the pool. Use the winch provided with the cover to connect the two ends of the cable and secure it tightly. The cable and cover should be tucked just under the top rail of the pool frame.
15. That's it! You have completed your pool closing. (Keep excess water off the cover as much as possible.)