

BLUE DOLPHIN POOLS & SPAS

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GENERAL POOL WINTERIZING

1. Adjust and balance chemical levels in pool. Bring a water sample to one of our store locations and we will be glad to help you with this.
2. Clean and brush the pool to ensure it is free of debris. Empty skimmer and pump basket.
3. Chemically clean the filter using a sand or cartridge filter cleaner.
4. Winterize Equipment
 - Remove pump plugs from the pump housing - there will usually be two, one at the front and one near the motor.
 - Remove plug (1) from the automatic cleaner booster pump if present (In-ground pools only) - it is located at the front of the pump directly under the plumbing line.
 - Remove plug from the automatic chlorinator if present.
 - Remove plug and mineral cartridge from the Nature2 or Frog Unit if present.
 - Remove plug from the heater if present.
 - Remove the drain cap from the bottom of the filter tank and the pressure gauge and sight glass from the filter valve.
 - Place the filter's multi-port handle on winterize - if you do not have a winterize setting place handle between any two settings on the valve, this leaves all ports open.
 - Leave all valves in the "open" position. Valves will be located on your plumbing lines and are open when they are running parallel with the pipe.
 - Place a Gizzmo or a large weighted plastic bottle in all skimmers (bottle weighted so will stand upright in the skimmer. **DO NOT DRAIN AN INGROUND POOL - LEAVE AT THE NORMAL OPERATING LEVEL.**
 - **Above-ground pools only**
 - i. Remove flexible hoses from the skimmer and return.
 - ii. Plug return with a 1½ " plug.
5. Remove ladders and handrails if covering the pool. When removing ladder, be careful that ladder bumpers stay attached. These coming off will cause significant damage to the liner.
6. Cover your pool

****Solid Cover Installation:**

- Clean all debris from the deck where the cover will be.
- Stretch cover over the pool allowing it to overlap an equal amount around entire pool.
- Place waterbags ¾ full which will allow for the water to expand if the bags freeze without damaging the bag.
- The cover should fit loosely over the pool resting on the pool water.

****Safety Cover Installation:**

- Pull cover across pool and allow cover to lie directly on the water.
- Attach corner hooks of the cover to the anchors first.
- After attaching corner hooks, attach all of the remaining hooks around pool.