



**Pool Winterizing Checklist** - Use this checklist to make sure that you've done what's needed to winterize your pool the correct way. Open up to a clean pool next spring with proper winterizing. Be sure to check with your local builder if there are certain pool system items that require special attention.

**ALL POOLS (vinyl liner only):**

- Remove ladders & any deck equipment
- Vacuum the pool & remove all debris
- Add Chemicals to pool according to label instructions
- Clean & protect the waterline with BioGuard Off the Wall Cleaner
- Drain Filter tank of ALL WATER. Leave winter drain plug off!
- Put all eyeballs, drain caps, gauges, etc. in the pump basket for safekeeping
- Clean DE grids or Cartridge with BioGuard Strip Kwik, Kleen It or SoftSwim Filter Cleaner
- Bring pump/motor indoors for winter
- Winterize heater (if equipped) according to manufacturer's instructions. Failure to do so will cause winter damage and freezing
- Remove return eyeball(s) and install plug(s) or cap(s)
- Winterize skimmer(s). See below for pool type
- Put on Winter Cover - All Solid covers should FLOAT on the top of the water  
DO NOT drain pool lower than bottom of skimmer (mesh covered pools only)  
If a pillow is used, inflate only to about 2/3 full. Over inflation will cause air leakage.
- Properly store maintenance equipment

**INGROUND POOLS (vinyl liner only):**

- Thoroughly blow out underground lines
- Install Gizzmo(s) in skimmer(s) or Aquador(s)
- Add pipeline antifreeze at the rate of 1 gal. per 20 ft of line run
- Store diving board (if equipped) in a flat position
- Safety covers should be retightened at time of installation
- Add additional dosage of Back Up Algicide in the spring if safety cover is used

**ABOVEGROUND POOLS:**

- Winterize skimmer with AQUADOR
- Tighten cable securely around cover
- Use Cover Clips to further secure cover. DO NOT HANG BOTTLES. Bottles hung from the cover will tear the cover!

**DURING THE OFF-SEASON:**

- Remove leaves and heavy debris that accumulate on cover
- Remove excess water from top of cover (A submersible cover pump works best).

**NEVER DRAIN your pool.** The liner will shrink, voiding the warranty and could cause damage to your pool. In gunite, plaster, or even fiberglass pools removal of the water from the pool could result in the pool structure "floating" and causing serious damage to the structure.

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