

Inground Pool Winterizing Guide

Instructions:

- Have your pool water analyzed to ensure proper water balance.
- It is very important to clean your filter at the end of each season. You can do this by using a product called **Filter Brite**.
- Vacuum pool, removing any large debris and backwash filter for 5 minutes.
- Lower water level below the return jets (approximately 18" from the top).
- Remove eyeballs from returns and stairs (if required). Winter wrenches & jet tools are available to purchase at our store.
- Ensure that the pump is turned off. Disconnect hydro from pump, heater, lights, salt system & timer if required. Also remember to turn the gas valve off on the heater.
- Drain water by removing plugs/and or unions from pump, filter, heater, chlorinator, and salt system to ensure that the equipment is completely drained. Ensure that pump and chlorinator lid is not tightened.
- **REMOVE THE FOLLOWING:** baskets from skimmer and pump, salt cell, gauge and sight glass from filter, pressure switch from heater, ladder, diving board, and drop-in steps if present. Ensure filter setting is in the winter position or if you don't have one, set the filter handle between 2 settings. If not covered, remove chimneystack from heater.
- Apply **o-ring lubricant** to all o-rings and gaskets to prevent cracking over the course of the winter.
- If you have an in-wall light, remove it by turning it counter clockwise and place it in a shopping bag with a string/rope attached to it and lower the bag gently into the pool bottom. Depending on the type of light, weight may be required to hold the light down.
- If you have a salt system, it is important that the cell is cleaned kept indoors in a safe place.
- Disconnect return hose from filter dial valve. Using a leaf blower or wet/dry shop vacuum, blow all water from lines back into the pool. You can also drain water by the skimmer hole by sucking the water out of the suction line.
- Feed 4ft of **foam rope** into the main drain line and plug it with a **Gizmo**.
- Drain the line running from the skimmer to the pump with a shop vacuum and feed 2ft of **foam rope** into the line. Plug with a **threaded plug or expansion plug**.
- Pour 3 litres of **Hibernate anti-freeze** into skimmer. (until level with water inlet)
- Feed 2ft of **foam rope** into each return jet/stair jet, plug using a **threaded or expansion plug**.
- Open drain plugs on heater and blow out the lines.
- Use **Stow Away cover cleaner** to clean your solar blanket. Store in a bin, or use a **solar blanket cover** and leave it on your roller.
- Use a **Bioguard Hibernate Kit** and apply it into the pool, use a brush to mix it around.
- Place the **water bags** around the pool and fill them ¾ of water. **Do not overfill.**
- Set the **winter cover** over the pool. Cover should lay flat across the water, straight up the walls and over the deck approximately 18inches.
- **Water bags** should be spaced close together to prevent debris from blowing under the cover.
- Add about 2inches of water on top of the cover and apply 200mls of **Banish algaecide**.
- Check the water level on the cover periodically over the winter. If the water goes too high due to rain, drain excess water off the cover.

What You Will Need:

Winter Cover

Cover Cleaner (Stow Away)

Jet Removal Tool

Salt Cell Cleaner

Foam Rope

Hibernate Anti-Freeze

Expansion/Threaded Plugs

Silicone Lubricant

Gizmo

Water Bags

Filter Brite

Wet/Dry Vac

Winterizing Kit



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