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Mission Statement:
To provide "Only Quality Work"
by taking care of each pool as
if it were our own and treating
each customer like family.
Family owned and operated since 1971

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SUGGESTIONS FOR WINTERIZING YOUR IN-GROUND POOL

Approximately forty-eight (48) hours prior to closing your Inground pool, we suggest bringing in a water sample to our lab for a free water analysis. Your water will be in your pool for the next six months and its chemistry is important to the longevity of your pool surface, light, and any other parts that it comes in contact with during this period. For example, copper or iron in your water can stain your pool. Improper PH may be very destructive and corrosive to the pool and its equipment. Algae will be easier to get rid of NOW than in the spring. Let's make sure your water is properly balanced and algae free before you cover the pool. Now you are ready to close your pool!

1. After removing your solar cover, use Cover Cleaner to clean and deodorize your cover before storing it for the winter. **IMPORTANT:** Do not store your cover in your shed or garage. Mice and ants will destroy it. Try to vacuum your pool of the larger foreign material. If you have leaves, remove them with a leaf net because they can stain your liner.
2. Clean your liner above the water line with "Tile and Vinyl Cleaner". This will remove harmful dirt, grease, suntan lotions, and air pollutants. **DO NOT** use corrosive home cleaning agents. These can damage your pool surface.
3. Now you are ready to add your closing chemicals. It does not matter what order you are adding them as long as your filter is running and they are added separately. **Remember to always read and follow label instructions on pool chemicals and products.**
 - A. **Poly Clear 60** is a broad spectrum non-foaming algaecide needed to inhibit algae from forming. Add the entire contents by walking around the perimeter of the pool.
 - B. **Stain & Scale Remover** is a sequestering agent that is used to tie up minerals such as copper and iron and hold them in suspension so that they may be filtered out. It is also used in preventing staining or scale of your swimming pool liner.
 - C. **Power Clear** is a super shocking agent used in effectively eliminating bacteria and germs in water. This product is 100% water soluble and contains no residue. The manufacturer recommends using a clean plastic bucket and place water into the bucket. Then add product to water in bucket. Use a clean plastic or wooden spoon to stir. Never add more than 1 (one) pound of this product to less than 3 gallons of cool water. After dissolving this product, pour the solution around the edge of the pool with the circulation pump on. If any undissolved Power Clear lands on your liner, brush away until it is all dissolved.
NEVER MIX THIS PRODUCT WITH ANY OTHER PRODUCT

ALWAYS READ & FOLLOW THE MANUFACTURERS LABELED INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL CHEMICALS

4. Try to circulate the pool water approximately 24 hours by operating the pump and filter to evenly distribute winter chemical treatment.

5. Now is the time to remove your diving board, ladders, and handrail. **IMPORTANT: DO NOT STORE YOUR EQUIPMENT WITH YOUR CHEMICALS.** Chemical fumes can cause equipment to corrode.

NOTE: Read all cautions on container labels. Partially filled chemical containers should be properly stored and may be stored for future use.

6. Backwash and drain your filter of "all" water. Store it, if possible in your basement or wrap with a loose fitting tarp allowing the equipment to "breathe" and not retain moisture. On cartridge and DE filters, this is the time to clean your filter with "Filter Cleaner". We have written instructions at our store. **Sunshine Pool Company offers filter cleaning service for a fee. You can bring your filter in and pick it up when it is ready or have our service department pick it up and deliver it back to you.** . If you have a chlorinator make sure you drain all the water out and remove any remaining tablets (be careful, chlorinator fumes are dangerous).
7. Disconnect all of the wall fittings (returns, suction, stair jet), use a "key" to remove the eyeball if necessary. Blow air (with a reversible vacuum) from the hoses at the filter to the pool to force water out of the lines and plug at the pool fitting using a 1 ½" threaded plug. This should be done simultaneously, therefore, you will need two people to complete this part of the closing. Remove the skimmer basket from the skimmer and install a skimmer "Gizzmo" into the bottom of the skimmer. You can blow air from your pump thru each skimmer Gizzmo and Main Drain if applicable. If necessary close your different valves to send all of the air thru one pipe at a time. Drain your pump of water and fill the pump basket with antifreeze. We recommend using **ONLY SPECIAL NON-TOXIC ANTIFREEZE SPECIFICALLY MADE FOR SWIMMING POOLS.** As extra insurance you can pour antifreeze down each of your underground pipes.
8. It is important to cover the pool with a good quality cover. Remember, a cover that is marginal will not last the winter. Use water bags, not cement blocks, to secure the cover. A water bag is cheaper than a new liner.

THE HOMEOWNERS OFF-SEASON RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Keep some water (1-3) inches on your cover. This helps prevent wind damage. NOTE: Covers are not 100% water barriers. Water seepage is a normal occurrence. Safety Covers do not require any water on top of the cover.
2. During the closing months (fall, winter, spring), we recommend that you remove excessive water (anything more than 3") from the cover. If you use an electric pump, make sure that you put a Frisbee or similar object under the pump. If you don't, you may draw your pool water thru the cover. You should also remove the leaves from the cover before the first freeze. If they remain on top, they may rot and seep through the cover and contaminate your pool. NOTE: NEVER TOUCH A FROZEN POOL AS THIS MAY DAMAGE YOUR POOL.

If excessive weight is allowed to collect on the cover:

- a. the water under the cover will become displaced, resulting in the loss of the chemically treated water in the pool.
- b. damage to your pool cover may occur.
- c. debris from the cover may fall into the pool water if the cover tears or is pulled into the pool.

You should expect to lose approximately 1 to 2 feet of water from the pool due to displacement in the Spring.

Remember to always refill your pool with water from your garden hose (put it under the cover) WHILE you drain water off of the winter cover. It is important to make sure that your pool is always filled with water especially if you have a high water table because your liner may float!

Sunshine Pool Company wishes to thank all of our customers for their continued support.

Jim Jr. and Heather Stone

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