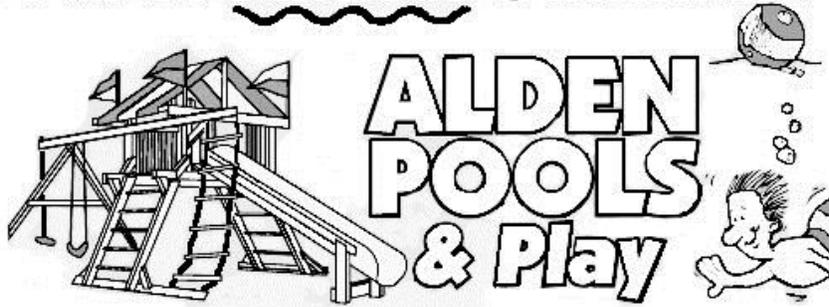


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Winterizing & Opening recommendations

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ICE DAMAGE

All cuts, tears, holes and punctures in vinyl liners MUST be patched before winterization. The gradual loss of water over the winter months could cause or be the cause of ice damage to your winter cover, liner or the pool itself. Keep a watchful eye on the pool's water level. If a water loss is noticed, it will be necessary to add water to the pool until springtime when the cause of the

Closing Recommendations

1. All pools should have properly balanced water with a pH of 7.2 – 7.6.
2. All pools should have proper sanitizer levels.
3. All pools should be thoroughly vacuumed & brushed.
4. Add a **Winter Closing Kit**. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations.
5. Lower the water level, but DO NOT DRAIN pool.

****Some liquid winter closing kits can be added after the water level is lowered to provide a higher chemical concentration. Be sure to dispense and spread chemicals around the entire pool and follow the manufacturer recommendations****

~ Through-Wall Skimmer users:

- Lower water level to 4" below bottom of skimmer, or 10" below the top rail (approximately)
- To protect the skimmer and skimmer opening, we recommend the use of a water restrictive skimmer closure.
- If above is not used, keep the bottom of the skimmer open. Do not plug. Keep the skimmer top on during the winter to protect against snow buildup.
- Plug the return. Remove the return "eyeball" and plug according to the style of fitting used on your pool. Store your eyeball in pump basket for next spring.

~ Winter pool pillows

Use a winter pool pillow as an ice pressure equalizer. Pillows are like buffers against the ice formation and are considered sacrificial. It is better to "pop" your pillow than ruin your pool. Pillows carry only a 30 day warranty, and no pillow can be exchanged as being "defective" after the first of the year.

- Inflate the pillow 1-2 days before installation to check for leaks in the pillow.
- DO NOT OVER INFLATE
- If the pillow has no leaks, deflate to the recommended ¾ full and install in pool.
- Tie the pillow loosely in the center of the pool, leaving enough slack for ice expansion.

~ Drain & Disconnect filter, pump and motor and store indoors.

POOL SYSTEMS

➤ Cartridge/Diatomaceous Earth (D.E.) filter:

- Drain the tank and remove the grids/fingers/cartridges.
- Wash-off the grids/fingers/cartridges in alternating solutions of soapy water and muriatic acid (5 to 1 ratio), and when clean, rinse thoroughly.
- Reassemble, lubricating all moving parts and O-rings. Store indoors.

➤ Sand filters:

- Drain all the water tank and pump from filter tank and pump.
- It is highly recommended that the sand be removed and discarded from the tank and the filter and pump be brought into the home for winter. Discarded sand can be used to promote drainage in gardens.
- Clean, rinse and reassemble, lubricating all moving parts and O-rings.
- We recommend using FRESH sand every season. To promote clear sanitary water.

➤ Center Drain:

All water must be removed from the underground pipes by draining or blowing them out. Plug the main drain in the pool. Add pipeline antifreeze. An alternate method is to install minimum of 6' of "backer rod" into pipe from outside of pool. Plug pipe on outside of pool.

~ Cover your Pool

Secure pool cover with a winch and coated steel cable on above-ground pools. Use water tubes on all in-ground pools (check out our Loop-Loc for easy install). Pad rough or sharp areas on pool decking to avoid cover punctures.

~ A small amount of water should be placed on top of the pool cover after installation to help guard against “flapping” from the wind (less than 1 inch). If you are in an exceptionally high wind area, use winter clips and/or winter cover wrap to minimize wind damage. Do NOT use gallon jugs to hang on winter covers. Use of gallon jugs voids the manufacturer’s warranty on the winter pool cover. Be sure to drain excess precipitation off of the cover during Fall & Spring using a cover pump.

NOTE: Wind damage is excluded from the manufacturer’s warranty. It is a matter for homeowner’s insurance, NOT a warranty replacement.

WINTERIZING / OPENING

Your pool should be winterized once the pool water has gotten down to 50° F temperature (October) and then open in the spring when the water reaches the 50° F temperature (Mother’s Day). The winter chemicals used in pools are designed for Cold Weather use, and subjecting these chemicals to warm water in either the fall or spring months could limit their effectiveness and the desired results. If you cannot close/open your pool at the ideal time, a shock treatment will help treat the water during the extended period the pool is closed.

SPRING

Drain the water off the top of your winter cover (you can use a pump or siphon), your cover should be removed, cleaned, and dried. While you are removing the water on the winter cover, at the same time place your garden hose under the cover and begin filling your pool to the proper level. If you notice your pool water is green...DO NOT DRAIN the pool. Pool liners are subject to shrinkage and this will void your pool liner warranty. Use chemicals to get your water clear. Once you removed your winter cover, you will notice tiny pin holes in the fabric when you are holding it up to the sun. This is customary for solid type covers due to stretching over the winter season. Once your pool has filled to the proper level, hook up your pool filter (sand/earth), and run pump for 24 hours. Bring water sample in for testing/balancing to adjust your PH levels and sanitizer, so that you can enjoy your pool.

DISCLAIMER

These are general winterizing suggestions only and pertain in particular to above-ground pools in our Western New York area. Check with your pool manufacturer for any other pertinent winterizing information so as to not void your warranty. These suggestions assume no liability and are offered to all customers as a general guideline.

Winter Check list

- Winter skimmer cover
- Pool pillow
- Winter Closing Kit
- Gizmo
- Return line Plug
- Pipeline antifreeze
- Cover cable & winch
- Backer rod
- Water Tube
- Cover Wrap

Spring check list

- Pool cover siphon/pump
- Patch kit

