

POOL CLOSING CHECK LIST

Effortless Steps for a Hassle-Free Closure



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Closing a swimming pool for the season is an important maintenance task that helps protect the pool and its equipment during the colder months. Here's a general guide on how to properly close a swimming pool for the season for temperatures above freezing:

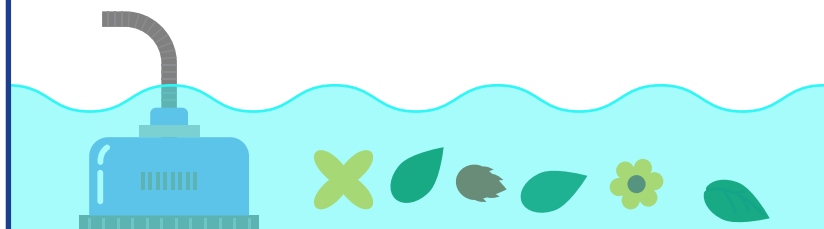
01 GATHER SUPPLIES

Make sure you have all the necessary supplies before you start the pool closing process. This might include a pool cover, winterizing chemicals, a pool brush, a pool vacuum, a leaf net, a pool winterization kit, a pool cover pump, and other tools you typically use for pool maintenance.



02 CLEAN THE POOL

Thoroughly clean the pool by using a pool brush and vacuum to remove any debris and algae. Skim the surface to remove leaves and other floating debris. This step is crucial to prevent organic matter from decomposing and causing water quality issues during the winter.



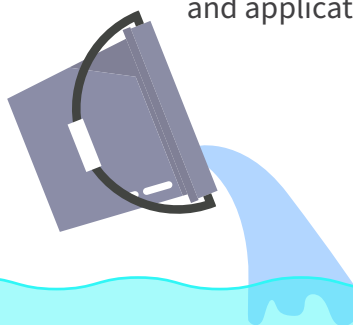
03 BALANCE THE WATER CHEMISTRY

Test and balance the water chemistry to ensure that the pH, alkalinity, and sanitizer levels are within the recommended ranges. This will help prevent scale buildup, corrosion, and other issues over the winter.



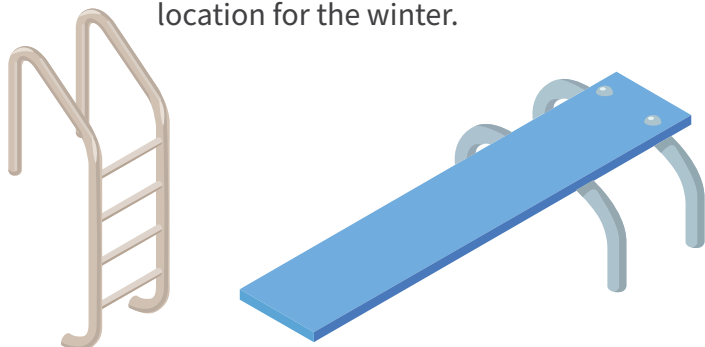
04 SHOCK THE POOL

Add a pool shock treatment to raise the chlorine level and kill any remaining bacteria or algae in the water. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for dosage and application.



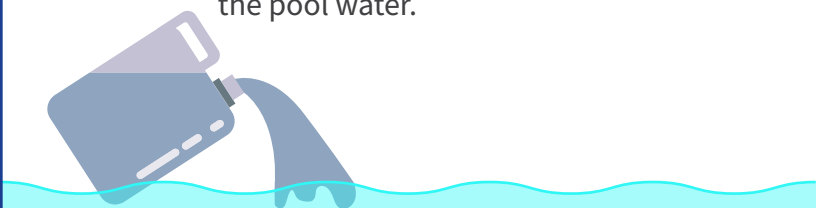
05 REMOVE AND STORE ACCESSORIES

Remove and clean pool accessories such as ladders, rails, and diving boards. Store the accessories in a dry and sheltered location for the winter.



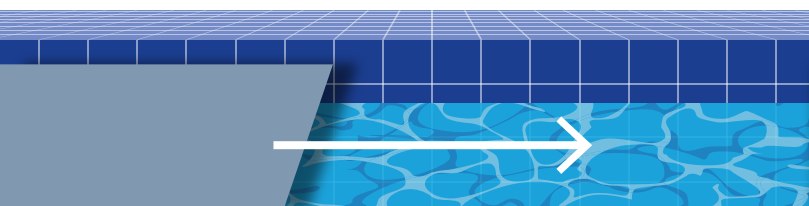
06 ADD WINTERIZING CHEMICALS

Add winterizing chemicals, which might include a winter algaecide and a metal inhibitor, enzyme control and a clarifier. These chemicals help prevent the growth of algae and the buildup of minerals in the pool water.



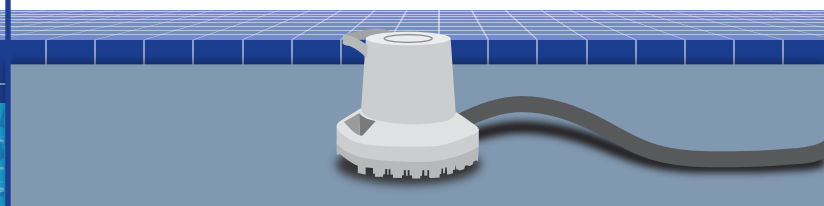
07 INSTALL WINTER COVER

Place a winter pool cover over the pool. There are different types of covers available, such as solid covers or mesh covers. Ensure that the cover is securely fastened and tightly stretched to prevent debris from getting into the pool.



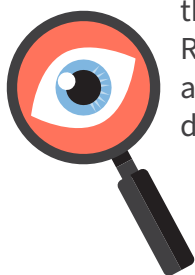
08 USE A COVER PUMP

If you're using a solid cover, consider using a cover pump to remove rainwater and snowmelt from the cover's surface. This prevents excessive weight that could damage the cover or push debris into the pool.



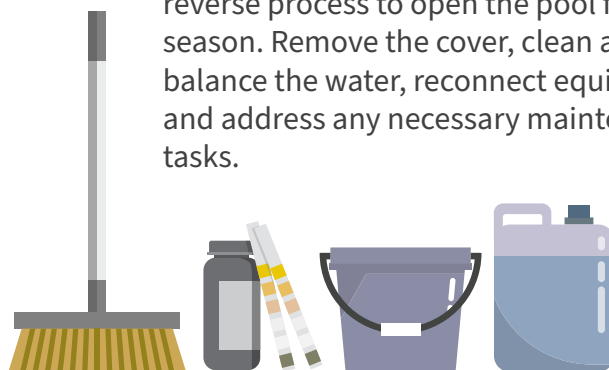
09 MONITOR THROUGHOUT THE WINTER

Check the pool periodically during the winter months to ensure the cover is in place and secure. If you're using a solid cover, make sure the water level on top of the cover doesn't get too high. Regularly remove leaves and debris that accumulate on the pool cover to prevent damage and ensure water drainage.



10 PREPARE FOR SPRING OPENING

When spring approaches, follow a reverse process to open the pool for the season. Remove the cover, clean and balance the water, reconnect equipment, and address any necessary maintenance tasks.

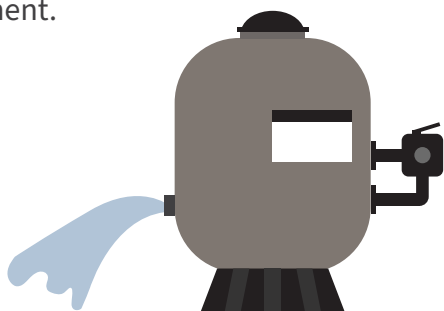




For below freezing temperatures please consider these additional steps.

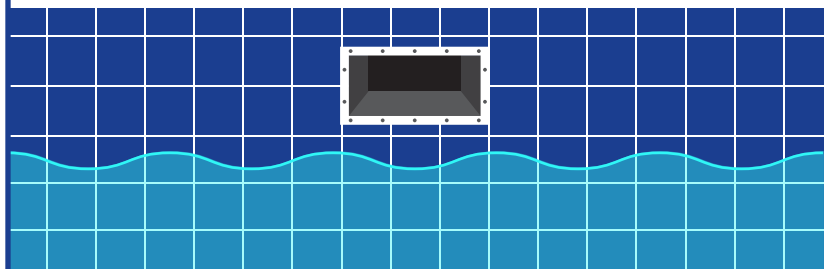
DRAIN AND WINTERIZE EQUIPMENT

Drain the pool pump, filter, heater, and any other pool equipment to prevent freezing and damage. Remove drain plugs and follow the manufacturer's instructions for winterizing each piece of equipment.



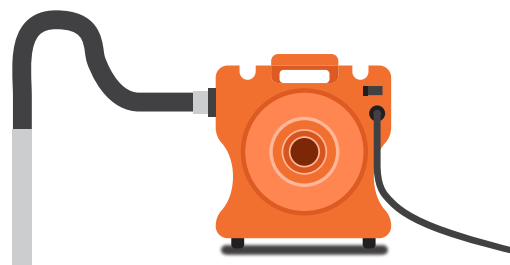
LOWER THE WATER LEVEL

Lower the water level in the pool to below the skimmer and return lines. This helps prevent freezing and potential damage to the pool equipment.



BLOW OUT THE LINES

Use a pool air compressor or a shop vacuum to blow out water from the pool plumbing lines. This helps prevent freezing and potential pipe damage. You can use plugs to seal the lines and prevent water from re-entering.



Remember that the specific steps might vary based on your pool type, location, and the products you're using. It's a good idea to consult the manufacturer's instructions for your pool equipment and winterizing chemicals, or consider seeking assistance from a professional pool maintenance service.

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