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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 ABOVEGROUND POOL

Approximately forty-eight (48) hours prior to closing your aboveground 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 liner, 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 liner. 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 liner.
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. If you have an aqua-door system, it is not necessary to lower your water level below the skimmer. Start by placing the Aquador in warm water to make the door more pliable. Snap the door over the lip on the skimmer face plate. Splash cold water on the door to cool the plastic. This will make a better seal by shrinking the plastic. If you have an ice plate, install the ice plate on the skimmer. Do this by removing only the screws on the skimmer face plate which correspond to the holes in the ice plate. Sandwich the foam gasket in between the face plate and the ice plate then reinstall the screws. (DO NOT remove the white face plate.)

Next, REMOVE the eyeball return fitting. You may need to use a plastic key to remove all of it. (These are available from our Parts Department.) Now, install the threaded plug here (inside the pool). Make sure that it has a rubber o-ring and that it is not split or cracked.

6. Drain the filter tank and pump completely of water. (If you have a sand filter, leave the drain plug off for the winter.) Disconnect the hoses from the filter system and the pool. Bring the motor/pump, DE filter (if you have one), hoses, ladders, and any other accessories out of the weather. DO NOT store any of your equipment with your chemicals!! Try to store your filter and accessories in your cellar. If you have a chlorinator make sure you drain all the water out and remove any remaining tablets (be careful, chlorinator fumes are dangerous).

Note to owners of Cartridge and DE filters: Now would be a good time to clean and degrease your DE filter. Filter and cartridge cleaner is made for this purpose. You can purchase this from our store complete with detailed instructions on how to properly clean your filter. **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.**

7. If your pool has a light, we recommend removing it from the light niche and securing it to the deck or top seat.

Also, if you have a deck ladder, you should remove the flanges which secure the ladder to the deck. If left installed, they could wear down and/or tear your cover.

8. Inflate the pillow 3/4 full of air and secure it in the pool with kite string. As a rule try to inflate your pillows 24 hours in advance to ensure they will stay inflated. NOTE: ~ pillow does not have to be dead center in your pool. Expect the pillow to "pop" during the off season.
9. Put the cover on the pool securing it with cable and/or water bags. If using water bags, only fill them 2/3 full. DO NOT suspend water jugs from the cover to secure it. Covers are not designed to hold water weight in this manner. If damage to the cover occurs due to the use of water jugs, it WILL NOT be covered under warranty.

#### THE HOMEOWNERS OFF-SEASON RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Keep some water (1-3 inches) on your cover. This helps to prevent wind damage. Use quick clips on the aboveground winter cover in high wind areas to keep it secure. Fill water bags only 2/3 of the way so there is room for ice expansion.

NOTE: Covers are not 100% water barriers. Water seepage is a normal occurrence. It is a good idea if you have a Mesh Cover to add extra Poly Clear 60 late in the fall and early in the spring to help keep algae away.

2. Remove excessive water (anything more than 3 inches) from the cover during the off-season. If you use an electric pump, make sure you put a Frisbee or similar object under the pump. If you don't you may draw your pool water through the cover. You should also remove the leaves from the cover before the first freeze. If they remain on top, they will 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 cover may occur
- c. debris from the cover may fall into the pool water if the cover tears or is pulled into the pool.
- d. Allow over 6 inches of water, ice or snow on the pool cover over the winter. This will stretch and damage pool covers, and may damage your pool.

3. In the early spring, raise the water to normal swimming height (half-skimmer). If the water has started to turn color (look under the cover, immediately add algaecide to the pool under the cover).

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

See you in the spring!!

Jim Jr. & Heather Stone

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