

# **Pool Closing & Winterization**

## **First Steps to Closing**

The pool needs to be cleaned and balanced before starting on the closing. After the pool is clean and balanced, the following will need to be added:

- 5lbs of shock
- 1qt of Pool Enzymes
- 1qt of Copper Algaecide

Make sure that all chemicals are added while the system is still running and have been completely circulated through the pool before proceeding with the Pool Closing.

## **Partial Closing**

Partial Closing is putting on the cover to keep out the debris from the off season. Most customer do this for keeping leaves out of the pool over the fall and winter months, then after the leaves are done falling, we take the cover back off. This means that the equipment will stay running with the cover on and chemicals will periodically be added through the skimmer. It is also important for the customer to check the water level periodically to make sure that we do not dry run the pump.

## **Complete Winterizing**

Complete winterization is more involved and requires:

- Partially draining the pool down to the returns
- Plugging the returns
- Blowing out the skimmer lines
- Adding antifreeze
- Draining all equipment of water
- Cutting off the breakers to equipment

1.) All winterizing supplies needed:

- Pool Cover
- Water Tubes (Tarps Only not Safety Covers)
- Alan Wrench for Deck Anchors
- 7-10 Rubber Plugs for Returns
- Gizzmos for Skimmers
- Air compressor or Shop-Vac to clear out pipes of water
- Channel Locks for Removing Salt Cell

- 2.) Backwash or Clean Filters off all debris.
- 3.) Drain Pool Down blow the skimmer.
- 4.) Remove any drain plugs from the pump. Disconnect the pump and filter and make sure that it is totally drained out. Plugs should be stored in the pump basket so they can be easily located.
- 5.) If there is a heater, drain it and make sure there is no standing water inside. Blow it out with compressor or Shop-Vac. Drain plugs should be stored in pump basket.
- 6.) Remove all return fittings and Skimmer baskets. Place the returns in the skimmer basket and stow it somewhere safe with the customer.
- 7.) Blow out all return jets and tightly seal with a 7-10 Plug.
- 8.) Blow out all skimmer lines and seal with Gizmmo. Make sure to put some Teflon tape on the end for a snug fit. Make sure that all Gizmos are in good condition.
- 9.) Blow out the Main Drain line until bubbles start to come out. That is all that is needed for winterizing the Main Drain
- 10.) Unfold cover, then with 2 people drag the cover from shallow end to deep end. For a Safety Cover, raise anchors and using a cover tool, secure the loop to the anchor working your way from deep end to shallow end. If it is a Tarp, use water bags to secure the tarp. When filling water bags, only fill them about 80%. Tarps will also need a cover pump to be placed in the middle, to drain of rainwater or the tarp will sink over time.
- 11.) Double check all plugs and seals. Make sure the cover / tarp is secured properly. Check with the customer that the skimmer baskets and return fittings are stowed in a safe place and make a note in the software of where they were stored. This way we can find them during the opening.