

Winterizing Your Pool

The following information will help with winterizing your pool using a mesh or solid cover.

Winterizing Your Pool with a Mesh Cover

It is very important to know that a mesh covered pool left unattended will most likely result in a very dirty pool come spring time. Water will pass through the cover, so you want to make sure that the pool is still being treated chemically. The following are steps to help prevent your pool from turning green during he winter:

1. Keep the debris off of the pool cover and keep the water level in the pool in the middle of the tile
2. Keep the pool properly balanced – This means removing a corner of the cover to periodically test the water and add chemicals
3. Run the pump periodically to filter out debris. Don't forget to either run the pump or drain the equipment when temperatures are below freezing.
4. It would be a good idea to occasionally uncover the pool and vacuum, or to run your automatic cleaner.

Winterizing Your Pool with a Solid Cover

1. Clean Pool- Vacuum if Necessary
2. Clean the filters:
If you have a sand filter- backwash and rinse
If you have a D.E. filter-backwash and then remove and clean the elements and reassemble

If you have a cartridge filter- remove and clean cartridge

3. Adjust the pH to 7.4
4. Remove ladders and automatic cleaners. Remove pool cleaners' hoses and store in a straight line.
5. Turn off pump, turn off breakers, and remove timer trippers.
6. Add 1 quart of Defend + per 25,000 gallons.
7. Dissolve granular chlorine and pour around the perimeter of the pool. (if using Cal-Hy po-4 to 6 ounces per 1,000 gallons.) (if using Lithium Hypo-8 to 10 ounces per 1,000 gallons.)
8. Cover Pool
9. Drain pumps, filters, heaters, booster pumps, remove or drain chlorinators, open all valves, and remove all hoses.

Winterizing a Baquacil Pool with a Solid Cover

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3. Adjust the pH to 7.4
4. Remove ladders and automatic cleaners. Remove pool cleaners' hoses and store in a straight line.
5. Turn off pump, turn off breakers, and remove timer trippers.
6. Add 1 quart (one per 25,000 gallons) of Baquacil Algaecide
7. Add Oxidizer per ClearCare recommendations.
8. Add Baquacil Sanitizer per ClearCare

recommendations. You need to have a reading

9. Run filter continuously for at least six hours to distribute products evenly.
of 50ppm on the test strip.
10. Winterize equipment according to manufacturer's directions.

When covering your pool with a solid pool cover, it is very important to check the pool water level every two weeks and add water as needed- the pool cover is designed to rest on the water. Remove large amounts of water or leaves from top of cover.

If you should have any questions, feel free to let us know.

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