

**All Swimming Pool Slides**

for In Ground & Above Ground Pools  
All Pool Slides For Private Residential Pools  
and for Public Commercial Pools

**Commercial Pool Slides**

**Inflatable Pool Slides**

**Pool Slide Replacement Parts**

**All Pool Products**

# Swimming Pool Closing Guide Part 1

## 1. WATER PREPARATION

**(Please see PART 2 for additional instructions)**

A. IF YOU HAVE A HIGH METALS OR CALCIUM CONTENT  
(MOST WELL WATER)

ADD DOUBLE YOUR NORMAL MAINTENANCE DOSE OF SEQUESTANT  
(STAIN AND SCALE CONTROL).

B. ADJUST THE TOTAL ALKALINITY TO 80 - 100 ppm FOR PLASTER POOLS,  
OR 100 - 125 ppm FOR VINYL, PAINTED, OR FIBERGLASS POOLS.

C. ADJUST CALCIUM HARDNESS TO 200 - 250 ppm FOR PLASTER POOLS,  
AND 175 - 225 FOR ALL OTHER TYPES OF POOLS.

D. SUPER CHLORINATE POOL WATER WITH 2lbs OF GRANULAR CHLORINE  
(DICHLORO)  
PER 10,000 GALS.

LET CIRCULATE FOR AT LEAST 3 HOURS BEFORE PROCEEDING.

E. PREVENT ALGAE BY ADDING WINTER ALGAECIDE;  
CIRCULATE FOR AT LEAST 2 HOURS BEFORE PROCEEDING.

F. ADJUST pH to 7.4ppm FOR WINTER.

## **2. FILTRATION SYSTEMS**

THOROUGHLY CLEAN YOUR FILTER SYSTEM;  
ADD FILTER CLEANER TO SAND FILTER SYSTEMS,  
TURN PUMP OFF AND LET SOAK PER LABEL INSTRUCTIONS.  
BACKWASH FILTER UNTIL CLEAN.  
NEVER STORE A DIRTY FILTER!  
DEPOSITS AND SCALE MAY HARDEN OVER THE WINTER  
LEAVING YOU A TOUGH, DIRTY REPAIR JOB IN THE SPRING.

CARTRIDGES (ELEMENTS)  
SHOULD BE REMOVED AND SOAKED  
IN A SOLUTION OF FILTER CLEANER  
FOR SEVERAL HOURS,  
PRESSURE WASHED AND  
STORED IN A PLASTIC BAG FOR WINTER.

## **3. NORMAL HOUSEKEEPING CHORES**

BRUSH WALLS OF POOL, CLEAN WATER/TILE LINE  
WITH TILE AND VINYL CLEANER.  
CLEAN AND WASH ALL BASKETS.

## **4. PARTIALLY DRAIN POOL**

A LEVEL OF 12 INCHES BELOW THE SKIMMER  
IS MOST OFTEN RECOMMENDED.

## **5. COMPLETE THE APPLICABLE REQUIRED TASKS AS LISTED BELOW:**

-----POWER TO LIGHT, PUMP IS TURNED OFF

-----LIGHT IS REMOVED AND SECURED TO THE DECK

-----DISCONNECT AND DRAIN CHLORINATOR

-----POOL SWEEP HOSES REMOVED AND STORED

-----SLIDE LINE BLOWN OUT / ANTI FREEZE ADDED

-----FILTER TANK DRAINED / PLUG REMOVED

-----MULTI PORT VALVE IN WINTERIZE POSITION

-----DRAIN PLUG REMOVED FROM PUMP

-----HLP LID LUBED AND SECURED

-----GAS LINE IS SHUT OFF

-----HEATER GAS VALVE IS IN THE OFF POSITION

-----ALL HEATER FREEZE PLUGS REMOVED

-----DISCONNECT WATER LINE TO PRESSURE SWITCH

-----DIRECTIONAL EYEBALLS REMOVED (IN GROUND POOLS)

-----INLET LINES BLOWN OUT / ANTI FREEZE ADDED (IN GROUND POOLS )

-----PLUGS INSTALLED IN INLET LINES (IN GROUND POOLS )

-----BASKETS REMOVED AND STORED

-----SKIMMER LINES BLOWN OUT / ANTI FREEZE ADDED (IN GROUND POOLS)

-----GIZZMOS INSTALLED IN SKIMMERS

-----REMOVE ALL HOSES AND STORE INDOORS (ABOVE GROUND POOLS)

-----LADDERS REMOVED AND STORED

-----DIVING BOARD REMOVED AND STORED (IN GROUND POOLS)

-----SOLAR COVER CLEANED AND STORED

-----SOLAR REEL REMOVED AND STORED

-----AIR PILLOW INSTALLED / TIED IN PLACE

-----COVER INSTALLED / TIED DOWN

-----WATER TUBES INSTALLED / SECURED (IN GROUND POOLS)

----- DRAIN PLUGS, BOLTS, BASKETS, INLETS, ETC. BAGGED

# **CLOSING YOUR POOL**

## **Part 2**

**FIRST THE WATER MUST BE PREPARED FOR WINTERIZING:**

**(Water temp of approx 60 degrees)**

THE CHLORINE LEVEL SHOULD BE 3ppm

(GRANULAR CHLORINE

IS THE BEST PRODUCT FOR COOL WATER APPLICATION),

Ph SHOULD BE ADJUSTED TO 7.4 ppm,

AND THE ALKALINITY SHOULD BE 100ppm.

**NEXT, A COMPLETE CLEANING IS IN ORDER.**

LEAVES OR OTHER ORGANIC MATTER IN THE POOL

MAY CAUSE PERMANENT STAINS.

BE SURE TO CLEAN THE WATERLINE AND SKIMMER NOW;

WAITING UNTIL SPRING

WILL MAKE YOUR JOB MUCH MORE DIFFICULT.

REMOVE ANY CHLORINE LEFT IN THE CHLORINATOR

THEN TURN UP TO THE FULL FLOW POSITION TO FLUSH IT OUT.

**PROPER WINTER CHEMICALS ARE CRUCIAL**

TO A SUCCESSFUL POOL CLOSING.

FOR PREVENTION OF SCALE AND MINERAL DEPOSITS,

THE USE OF A STRONG STAIN AND SCALE PREVENTIVE

IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

**THIS WILL ALSO PREVENT THE RING AROUND THE COLLAR**

AT THE WATER LEVEL.

**FOR ALGAE CONTROL OVER THE WINTER MONTHS,**

A WINTER ALGAECIDE MUST BE UTILIZED,

AND FINALLY, **WINTER SHOCK SHOULD BE ADDED**

AT A RATE OF 1 TO 2 lbs. PER 10,000 GALLONS.

ADD THE ABOVE CHEMICALS PER LABEL INSTRUCTIONS

AND ALLOW TO CIRCULATE AT LEAST FOUR HOURS

FOR PROPER DISTRIBUTION.

**THIS IS THE TIME TO REMOVE**

LADDERS, SOLAR REELS, SLIDES, ETC . . .

SO THEY MAY BE CLEANED AND STORED FOR THE WINTER.

NOW THAT THE WINTER CHEMICALS ARE WELL DISPERSED,  
**WE WILL TURN OUR ATTENTION TO THE FILTER.**

IF YOU HAVE A CARTRIDGE FILTER,  
REMOVE THE CARTRIDGE AND SOAK IT IN FILTER CLEANER  
FOR THE TIME SPECIFIED BY THE CLEANER,  
THEN RINSE, DRY AND STORE FOR THE WINTER.

**SAND FILTERS REQUIRE A FILTER WASH OR FILTER CLEANER.**  
FOLLOW THE LABEL INSTRUCTION.  
THIS PROCEDURE WILL NORMALLY ELIMINATE THE NEED TO CHANGE  
THE SAND NEXT SPRING.

**TIME FOR DRAINING:**  
THE WATER LEVEL SHOULD BE  
APPROXIMATELY TWELVE INCHES BELOW  
THE BOTTOM OF THE SKIMMER ON ABOVE GROUND POOLS.

**FOR IN GROUND POOLS:**  
DRAIN BELOW LIGHT OR RETURN FITTINGS  
(WHICHEVER IS LOWER).  
OPEN THE MAIN DRAIN, AND CLOSE THE SKIMMERS.

**ABOVE GROUND POOLS:**

HOOK YOUR VACUUM HOSE UP AND DRAIN DOWN  
TO THE PROPER LEVEL USING THE BACKWASH POSITION  
TO GIVE THE FILTER A LITTLE EXTRA RINSING ACTION.

**ABOVE GROUND:**  
REMOVE WINTER DRAIN PLUGS FROM THE PUMP,  
HLP, FILTER, AND CHLORINATOR.  
STORE THE PLUGS IN A SAFE PLACE LIKE PUMP THE HAIR AND LINT POT.  
REMOVE AND STORE THE SKIMMER BASKET.  
PUT YOUR FILTER VALVE IN THE WINTERIZE POSITION.

ALL HOSES SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM ABOVE GROUND POOLS.  
STORE ALL HOSES AS STRAIGHT AS POSSIBLE.

AFTER EQUIPMENT IS DRAINED,  
COVER WITH PLASTIC OR STORE INDOORS IF POSSIBLE.

**NOTE: ALL EXPOSED THREADS AND O-RINGS**  
SHOULD BE PROTECTED BY AN AMPLE APPLICATION  
OF MAGIC LUBE OR SIMILAR PRODUCT.

REMOVAL OF PRESSURE GAUGE IS ALSO RECOMMENDED.

**IN GROUND POOLS:**

REMOVE THE DRAIN PLUGS FROM THE PUMP,  
HLP, FILTER, AND CHLORINATOR.  
REMOVE AND STORE THE SKIMMER BASKET(S),

REMOVE EYEBALLS FROM INLETS  
AND BLOW WATER FROM SKIMMER AND INLET LINES.  
IF YOUR FILTER VALVE HAS A WINTERIZE POSITION,  
PUT IT THERE.  
AND PROTECT THREADS ON PUMPS/VALVES  
WITH A LIBERAL COATING OF MAGIC LUBE.

**FILL ALL LINES INCLUDING MAIN DRAIN  
WITH NONTOXIC ANTIFREEZE  
(ONE GALLON PER 12 FT. OF PIPE).**

NEXT, **PLUG THE INLET FITTINGS**  
AND INSTALL GIZZMOS IN SKIMMERS.  
GIZMO AND PLUG THREADS SHOULD BE COATED  
WITH MAGIC LUBE FOR EASY SPRING REMOVAL.

**MAKE SURE THE GAS IS TURNED OFF TO THE HEATER;**  
DISCONNECT AND REMOVE  
THE PRESSURE SWITCH AND HEATER FREEZE PLUGS.

**REMOVE LIGHT ASSEMBLY**  
FROM NICHE, WRAP IN PLASTIC AND SECURE TO DECK.

REMOVE PRESSURE GAUGE AND SIGHT GLASS FROM FILTER.

**BAG ALL PLUGS AND HARDWARE  
AND STORE THEM IN THE PUMP BASKET.**

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