

POOL COVERING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Tie off air pillow(s) or affix Pillow Pal. Round pools will tie the air pillow(s) in the center of the pool, and oval pools will tie one air pillow at each end. Do not fully inflate the pillows — only fill them about 2/3 full of air. The air pillows should be tied loosely so they do not pull tight on the sides of the pool.

2. Position Cover. The cover should lay on the water, black side down, positioned evenly on all sides. Tighten the cable to draw the cover into final position.

3. Add Water Tubes. Add water tubes on top of the cover to hold it down and prevent it from lifting in the wind. Adding this weight is important because **POOL COVER WARRANTIES DO NOT COVER WIND DAMAGE.**

4. Secure with Cover Clips/Locs. For pools in high wind areas, the use of cover clips/locs may also be needed. These securely attach the cover to the top rails of the pool so that wind cannot get under the cover and flap it around.

5. Position Leaf Net. The leaf net should lay on top of the winter cover and be positioned evenly on all sides. Tighten the cable to draw the cover into final position. *Leaf nets should be removed, and leaves discarded, before the first snowfall.

PRO TIPS

- Check the cover periodically for areas of stress, especially near grommets and loops. You may need to siphon or pump off some water if it gets too heavy.
- Do not hang weight from the cables as it may damage the cover (i.e. milk jugs)

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POOL CLOSING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Repair all leaks. Covering a pool that has a leak could result in irreparable damage to the liner.

2. Balance chemicals. Unbalanced pool water becomes very corrosive at low temperatures, damaging pool surfaces and equipment. Bring in a water sample 2 weeks before closing to Zagers so an accurate analysis can be done. For best results wait to close the pool until the water temperature is below 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

3. Brush, vacuum, and clean. Thoroughly clean the waterline and all pool surfaces with BioGuard Off the Wall to help prevent permanent discoloring.

4. Add Zagers' Winter Kit.

STEP 1: Add BioGuard® Arctic Blue® Shock to oxidize the water. Circulate for approximately 1 hour.

STEP 2: Add BioGuard® Winter Algicide directly to the water around the edge of the pool.

STEP 3: Add BioGuard Pool Closing Complete to protect pool surfaces during the cold weather months with anti-corrosion and anti-scale properties. After adding step 2 & 3, circulate the water for approximately 2 hours.



5. Lower water level. If you are using an Aquador, the water level only needs to be lowered to the lower of the two waterline marks on the skimmer faceplate. If an Aquador is not being used, the water level must be lowered several inches below the skimmer and return openings using a siphon or submersible pump.

6. Remove accessories. Ladders, stairs, automatic vacuum, skimmer weir, flow control flap, skimmer basket, and any other item in the pool should be removed and stored.

7. Put on Aquador. Snap the Aquador onto the faceplate of your skimmer. Go around the edges carefully to ensure that it is on tight. Using a small amount of Lube Tube may also be beneficial.

8. Place Winter Disc or Plug in the return.

For Doughboy pools: take off the return face plate that holds in the eyeball. Take out the eyeball and insert winter disc. Thread the face plate back on to hold the disc in place.

For all other brand pools: take off the return jet/eyeball and insert a winter plug sized for your pool.

For pools with lights in the return: Take out the light bulb & replace with a #9 rubber winter plug.

9. Disconnect & drain the filter, pump, and chlorinator.

Sand Filters: Pour or pump out sand, clean the tank, and store the filter inside.

D.E. & Cartridge Filters: Drain and clean the filter. Remove cartridge/grids and clean with BioGuard® Kleen It® to remove grease, oil, and scale. Store all equipment inside.

Sanitation Feeder/Chlorinator: Disconnect hoses and remove extra chlorine tabs. Discard mineral pack as you will need a new pack in the spring.

PRO TIPS: Place all plugs in the pump basket, so they are easy to find in the spring. Always refer to your owner's manuals for winterizing instructions.

10. Winterize heater. See your owner's manual for information on winterizing.

11. Clean solar cover. Thoroughly clean the solar cover with BioGuard Stow-Away and store in a clean, dry place.

PRO TIP: If stored in a barn or shed add dryer sheets around the cover to keep the mice away.

12. Protect pool chemicals. Store pool chemicals in a cool, dry place where they won't freeze. Store away from any volatile materials.

