

# WINTERIZING YOUR POOL

It is best to obtain a water sample and have it tested for free at our in store lab. By doing so we can more accurately determine how to balance your water before closing for the winter.

#### 1. Chemically Treat the Pool

- Top up the Sanitizer level
- Shock the pool
- Test the water to be sure it is balanced.

### 2. General House Keeping

- Vacuum the pool
- Brush the walls and bottom of pool
- Backwash the filter system

### 3. Winterization

- Drain the water level below the skimmers
- In ground Pools: Use wet/dry vacuum to blow water from the skimmers and returns/ DO this by putting valve on recirculate or whirlpool and capping on your return as the air bubbles come out of each one. Add 1 gallon of Anti-Freeze per skimmer to the skimmer plug the skimmer with a Gizzmo (these are available at Tri-State Pools)

## 4. Winterizing Pump and Filter System

- Remove the drain cap from the filter and store in pump basket.
- Remove plugs from pool pump and automatic cleaner pump and store in pump basket
- Leave filter valve in winterize position or between any two positions

## 5. Covering the Pool

- Above ground pools: pull cover over the pools, use the cable and wench to secure the cover under the lip of the pool
- In ground pools: Position water tubes around the pool and fill <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> full of water (leaving some space in the water tubes will prevent bursting during expansion) place winter cover on pool and move water tubes to the edge of the cover. Be sure to pump or siphon excess rainwater off of the cover during the course of the winter season not doing so may result in the caving of the cover and lead to difficult water problems in the spring.

Tri-State Pools appreciates your business and wishes all of our customers a safe winter. We ask that you remember that children should never be left alone by the pool ever while it is covered. Pets should also be monitored around a covered pool.