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## Winterizing Your Pool

1. Check that your pool water is balanced with proper chlorine, alkalinity, and Ph levels.
2. Vacuum your pool. Whatever is in pool will be there in the Spring and could stain the liner.
3. Clean, dry, and store your solar cover. If you have no place to hang solar cover to dry and have to spread it out on the lawn, it will burn the grass on a sunny day if left on lawn for a short time. You can move it to a new spot to prevent this.
4. Add winter chemicals as per instructions on the box.  
DO THIS WHILE THE FILTER IS RUNNING
  - 1- Add Winter Algaecide by walking around edge of pool to distribute it.
  - 2- Add Winter Metal Out by walking around edge of pool to distribute it.
  - 3- Dissolve Winter Shock in a bucket of water, then pour it into pool.
5. Run filter for about an hour. Also stir up water using the bucket to create a whirlpool.
6. Lower water level by putting filter valve in the waste position. The filter does not have to be running to do this.
7. Put on Winter Cover Plate (white plastic rectangle with holes, or AquaDor). Look at the plate and see which screws have to be removed from skimmer so that the longer screws supplied with Skimmer Cover Plate can go in.  
DO NOT REMOVE ALL OF THE SCREWS FROM THE SKIMMER PLATE; ONLY THE ONES NECESSARY

If you have a stainless steel skimmer cover, DO NOT DROP into pool, as it will slit a giant hole in the liner

8. Remove directional eyeball from Return, so that you can screw in round Return Plug. This plug is screwed in from inside the pool.
9. Open up winter cover and spread out. This is easier with two people. Winter Cover should be spread over entire pool. GREEN SIDE UP. It will float on top of water, but if some water gets on top that is OK. Water will get on top when it rains or snows, anyway.
10. Disconnect all hoses from pool and filter. If you have unions, do not loose O-rings.
11. Unscrew Drain Plug from bottom of filter tank, by hand or pliers. Store in a safe place so you have it next year.
12. Unscrew Drain Plug at bottom of Strainer Basket of motor with screwdriver. Store in a safe place so you have it next year.
13. FOR SAND FILTERS: Unscrew the two bolts that hold Multi-port Valve on top of Filter Tank. They are the bolts that are in the black ring between Multi-port Valve and Filter Tank. To remove Multi-port Valve, twist left and right while pulling up. It will slide off, but do this slowly. Put Multi-port Valve Handle in the Winter Position. Put bolts back in ring to store together.
14. Remove Pump/Motor by unscrewing two bolts that attach it to the base. Put bolts back in holes for safe storage.
15. Cover opening on top of Filter Tank with a block, flat stone, or wood board with a rock on top, to prevent snow and rain from getting into Filter Tank.
16. Store Pump/Motor, hoses, and miscellaneous parts inside.