

Pool Opening & Closing Guide



Opening Your Pool

Opening your pool signals the start of warm weather and relaxed attitudes. Whether you're emerging from a long snowy winter or a quick brush with cooler temps, opening your pool can be a simple process.

1. Remove leaves and debris from pool cover.
2. Take off the cover, clean it, and store it.
3. Hook up pool pumps and filters and reconnect all hoses and electrical connections.
4. Remove leaves and debris from skimmers, filters, pumps and drains.
5. Take out leaves and debris from the pool.
6. Fill pool water up to proper level.
7. Turn on the filter pump and make sure all skimmers, bottom drains, and filters are functioning properly.
8. Vacuum up any remaining debris in the pool.
9. After pool filter has been running 3-4 hours, test the water. Retest water to see if any adjustments have to be made.
10. Once adjustments have been made, shock the pool following label directions.

Closing Your Pool

1. Adjust pH to 7.2-7.8 to prevent stains, scaling and algae growth. Shock the pool using label directions.
2. Run the filter for 24-48 hours.
3. Remove floating debris and vacuum thoroughly.
4. Add an algaecide to prevent algae from forming before water freezes.
5. Follow your pool manufacturer's directions for lowering your water level. Only a few pools need to be completely drained during the winter. Many pools fare cold temperatures better when partially filled with water as a buffer. A drained pool can also crack or pop out of the ground because of pressure from ground water.
6. Shut off filter pump and drain pump, filter heater and all other equipment. Store to prevent freezing. Follow manufacturer's directions for lubrication and proper covering(s).
7. Turn off all power to the support equipment and remove fuses or turn the circuit breakers to off.
8. If you have a slide or diving board, take it off and store it.
9. Cover pool securely and fill water bags halfway (the edge of the cover should be sealed so that wind does not get under it). A quality pool cover resists water, weather and pool chemicals and keeps out leaves and airborne dust.