

Pool Facts & Trends

Expert Tips For Proper Pool Closing

(NAPSA)—Spending some time closing your pool now can have you into the swim of things much faster next season—and help keep your pool in top shape for years to come.

Planning early can help prevent substantial damage to your pool and save you money when starting up.

Pools that are not winterized properly are susceptible to:

- Freeze-thaw damage to pool surfaces;
- Damaged or broken pool equipment;
- Underground pipe damage;
- Poor quality water at start-up next spring.

Homeowners can ensure more poolside memories next season with these expert pool-closing tips:

- Conduct a final pool water test. Visit a pool store to receive a quick, computerized water analysis to ensure the water is balanced.
- Brush the walls of your pool and vacuum thoroughly. Clean skimmer basket and lint trap.
- Use a special filter cleaner to thoroughly clean the filter. A dirty filter can cake and harden over the winter, leaving a messy and difficult cleanup job.
- With pump and filter on, add the appropriate amount of winter shock around the edges of the



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pool. Wait an hour then add winter algaecide. Keep the pump and filter on for another hour.

- If you completely cover and close your pool, drain your pool to just below the return water lines, then add pool winterizing anti-freeze to pipes and equipment.
- Finally, cover your pool to protect from winter winds, leaves, dirt and debris.

Whether you completely cover your pool or just reduce maintenance, using pool care products such as BioGuard® can make winterizing less work.

Pools are a major investment—protecting yours can mean being able to enjoy it for years to come. For more information on pool care and to locate a BioGuard dealer, visit www.BioGuard.com.