

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Six Steps For Successful Pool Closing

(NAPSA)—Pool owners may be reluctant to dive into winter, but by investing a little time and money when closing the pool down for the season, they can prevent problems come spring.



Pools should be shut down properly to prevent problems when they're reopened.

BioGuard®, a leading manufacturer of pool and spa care products, offers the following tips to ensure easy spring openings:

- Conduct a final pool water test. Visit a pool supply store to receive a quick, computerized water analysis to ensure the water is balanced.
- Brush the walls of your pool and vacuum thoroughly. Clean the skimmer basket and lint trap.
- Use a filter cleaner designed to thoroughly clean the filter.
- With pump and filter on, add the appropriate amount of winter shock around the edges of the pool. Wait an hour, then add winter algaecide. Keep the pump and filter on for another hour.
- Drain the pool, then add winterizing anti-freeze to pipes and equipment.
- Finally, cover the pool.

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