

POOL OPENING EQUIPMENT INSTRUCTIONS

For Tarp & Vinyl Winter Covers

REMOVE DEBRIS & WATER FROM THE COVER

Using a pool leaf rake, not a shallow leaf skimmer, remove debris from the top of the pool cover as possible.

After the debris has been removed, brush the cover down while there is still water on it. The use of a cover cleaner is recommended.

Begin to drain the water off of the cover by siphoning with your vac hose or by using a submersible pump. The last few bits of water will have to be bailed off with a bucket.

REMOVE & STORE WINTER COVER

Once any securing devices such as water bags, snap-in beading, winches, or cables have been removed, you can remove the cover by grabbing hold of the material and pulling 4 ft at a time onto the deck and folding it in an accordion style.

Repeat the process of folding the cover "accordion style" until the entire cover has been piled on the deck or ground.

Vinyl covers must be stored in a water filled container over the summer. Add an ounce of liquid algaecide (40%) to the water to keep away algae growth. It is recommended that the water in the barrel changed every 6 weeks.

The tarp cover must be stored dry.

CLEAN & PREPARE THE POOL

Remove the plugs and or foam rope from the returns and restore the directional fittings.

Empty the physical winterizing materials from the skimmer (gizmo or extra bottles) and place skimmer basket back in its place.

Put plugs back into pump and filter. Reattach the pressure gauge and site glass on the filter. Reattach pressure switch to heater and reinstall plugs in header. Reattach the salt system if applicable. Reinstall Nature II plugs if applicable.

Using a vinyl pool cleaner (Tile and Liner Cleaner) scrub the waterline, coping, and skimmer parts to remove bathtub ring. Do this with a soft sponge or brush.

DO NOT use household cleaners as they contain phosphates and/or other chemicals not compatible with pool water chemistry.

Raise the water level in the pool to 3/4 of the way up the skimmer.

Proceed to the **Pool Opening Chemical Treatment** sheet.