



Closing of Aqua-Bois pools

Above-ground models

When to close the pool for winter

We recommend closing the pool as late as possible, after the heavy rainfalls in the fall and once the ground has begun to freeze at night. This will help keep the water clear and clean and will protect the liner from ultraviolet rays. It is recommended to keep the filter running until the closing of the pool to prevent the pipes from freezing. Make sure that the water circulates freely in the heat pump, if any.

Check for water leaks

At summer's end, keep a close eye on the level of water in the pool to detect any water leaks. To this end, trace a line on the liner at the water level to see if the water goes down in the following ten days. A water leak which is not repaired before freezing temperatures can cause serious damages to your pool. For example, it can weaken the base of the pool or may result in the formation of a block of ice which may damage the liner.

Closing the pool

Before lowering the water level, remove all leaves, debris and other objects from the pool. Ideally, you should vacuum the pool one last time and perform a backwash. Remove all pool accessories (sun cover and roll sun cover, ladder, stairs, etc.).

Position the 3-way valve so that the water entry into the skimmer is completely closed. Lower the water level (drain or waste) to about 18" below the backflow. Please note: never empty the pool while in the backwash position.

To avoid damages to the gasket, rotate the filter tank handle to the winter position (if there is none, simply put it between two positions). Remove the manometer and the glass cap. Remove the drain plug to let the water out and do not put the plug back in place.

Pump: disconnect the water pipes and, ideally, store the pump indoors if possible. *If not*, make sure there is no water left in the pump.

Backflow: remove the lock ring of the backflow clamps and the hydrostream. If there is a light in the backflow, remove the bulb as well as the diffuser and store indoors.

Water pipes: leave the backflow pipe connected but away from the pool so as to avoid water accumulation near the pool in the event of flooding in the spring. Freezing and thawing may cause the pool to lift. Disconnect the pipe which goes from the skimmer to the pump. If there is a bottom drain, lengthen and connect the pipe for the floor drain at a higher level than the skimmer, so that the pool doesn't drain. Following this, pour plumbing antifreeze down the pipe until it comes out the floor drain. You may then put the foam stem in place. Rotate the 3-way valve to the open position.

Skimmer: remove the weir and the skimmer basket, and put the Styrofoam inside the skimmer to prevent the formation of ice.

Other accessories

For all other accessories (nature 2, heat pump, salt chlorinator, waterfall, etc.) please refer to the manufacturer's instructions.