



Closing of Aqua-Bois pools

Semi in-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 may 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 12" below the backflow if the pool is at a 24" depth in the ground. For pools at a 36" depth, lower the water level to 6" 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 not possible, make sure there is no water left in the pump.

Backflow: remove the lock rings 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 and skimmer pipes connected but away from the pool at ground level to prevent water accumulation near the pool in the event of flooding in the spring.
 - Disconnect the skimmer pipe from the pump, but not from the skimmer itself. Make sure the bottom drain pipe is at a higher level than the skimmer.
 - Drain all the pipes, except for the bottom drain pipe, with a wet/dry vacuum (Shop-Vac)
 - Pour plumbing antifreeze into all the pipes. For the bottom drain pipe, pour in the antifreeze until it comes out of the bottom drain. You may then put the foam stem into the pipe.
 - 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.