

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WINTERISING YOUR OUTDOOR CHLORINE POOL

When closing-down your outdoor swimming pool for winter you need to create a sterile environment where micro-organisms such as algae spores, fungi and bacteria cannot flourish. You also need to help prevent the formation of scale and staining from dissolved minerals so the water and pool surfaces are in good order when the pool is re-opened in spring.

1. Thoroughly backwash the filter. Remove any debris from the pump strainer, skimmers and pool water surface.
2. Check the pH and adjust to 7.2 – 7.4. You can use Fi-Clor pH & Alkalinity Reducer to lower the pH or Fi-Clor pH Increaser to raise the pH.
3. Shock dose with a stabiliser-free chlorine such as Fi-Clor Superfast Shock to kill any algae and harmful organisms that may be present. Allow the water to circulate for 3 – 4 hours to ensure thorough mixing.
4. Close the valve/s from the skimmer/s and lower the water to 10cm – 15cm below the skimmer level. (It is important to heed any recommendations made by the pool installer and not lower the water level too much. This is especially important if there is a naturally high-water table as this could present structural hazards to the pool shell).
5. With the water still circulating through the bottom drain, add Lo-Chlor Winteriser Algaecide, pouring it evenly around the pool at the prescribed dose (420mls per 1000 gallons).
6. Leave the circulation running for 6 – 8 hours to ensure thorough mixing.
7. Remove ladders, diving boards and summer covers etc, and store them away from extremes of temperature.
8. Switch off and isolate electricity supply. (If in doubt consult an electrician).
9. Drain the water from the pump, heater and filter taking care to retain any 'O' rings from unions.
10. Disconnect the pump and store in a frost-free, dry place away from extremes of temperature.
11. Leave valves above water level open; those below should be closed and protected from frost damage.
12. Some weighted and sealed polythene bottles can be used to absorb ice expansion. These should be floated along the length of the pool and secured with strong cord.
13. Cover the pool with a Winter pool cover.
14. Check the appearance of the water occasionally, along with the pH and free chlorine while the pool is shut down. If the winter is mild, add another dose of Winteriser in February and ensure thorough mixing and distribution throughout the pool.

These are general guidelines and not specific to your own pool. Always follow chemical manufactures' instructions carefully.

WARNING. Do not mix Fi-Clor Superfast Shock with any other types of chlorinating compounds (even other products on the Fi-Clor range) either in the dry state, or in the skimmer. Fire or explosion may result. If using with other products, dose them into the pool separately.