

Wet & Wild Pools and Spas- AG Closing

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1. **Cleaning-** Vacuum the pool floor, brush the pool walls, remove leaves, etc.
2. **Chemicals-** Balance ph and alk., add closing chemicals and circ. 12-24 hours.
3. **Lower Water-** Lower to the bottom of the skimmer. Plug the return jet on the inside of the pool. Unhook the filter hoses from the return jet and skimmer. Do not plug the skimmer. Trapped water will cause freeze damage.
4. **Remove Ladder/Step-** Store inside or cover with a tarp to keep clean.
5. **Winterize Equipment-** Pool pump, filter, chlorinator, etc.- remove the drain plugs and store them inside the pump basket. **Pool Heaters-** use a shop vac to blow air into the plumbing lines evacuating the water out the heater.
Note- Tarping the equipment traps moisture and may cause deterioration.
6. **Air Pillow-** Use a shop vac or air compressor to fill the air pillow 80% full of air. Loosely tie the air pillow in the center of the pool with nylon rope.
7. **Winter Cover-** Use the cable and winch to secure the winter cover. Do not run the cable under the pool skimmer. Add some water to the top of the winter cover. Note- There are products like Cover Seal and Cover Locks that help secure the winter cover by preventing wind from getting under the edge of the cover.
8. **Cover Upkeep-** Pump or siphon the excess water off of the winter cover throughout the fall and spring. Allowing excess cover water to accumulate will displace water out of the pool.
9. **Leaves-** Use a deep skim net attached to your vacuum pole or a rake to remove leaves from the winter cover before they decay.
10. **Opening-** In March/April after the hard freeze conditions, plug the skimmer hole and start to fill the pool under the winter cover. This makes it easier to remove the winter cover and allows you to start the pool equipment during the pool opening process.

Shopping List: Closing Chemicals, Winter Cover (includes cable and winch), Air Pillow and Nylon Rope, Cover Pump, Cover Clips or Cover Seal