



The Fun Experts®

CLOSING YOUR ABOVE-GROUND POOL

These Recommendations are for 'Alden Pools & Play' Pools. ALL others please check with owner's manual for specific instruction to your pool.

- **WAIT TILL WATER TEMP IS 60° OR COOLER**
 - Algae goes dormant at 60° and will not grow
 - It is cheaper & much easier to open a clear pool early than a dirty pool later
 - For a free reminder "[ITS TIME TO OPEN YOUR POOL](#)" click here
 - Use Mother's Day as a target date
- **BRING WATER SAMPLE FOR TESTING/BALANCING**
 - Cold water balance is different than warm water
 - It is easier, cheaper, & chemicals last longer with proper balance
 - Make a list of water care products at home
- **USE A SURFACE CLEANER AND A SOFT BRISSELE BRUSH TO SCRUB YOUR LINER**
 - Use either **Baquacil Surface Cleaner** or **Bioguard Off the Wall**
 - Never use harsh household cleaner products
 - Incompatible
 - Causes problems
- **VACUUM POOL THOROUGHLY**
 - **Winter Chemicals** work more effectively in a clean pool
 - Less work for you in the Spring time
- **ADD CLOSING PRODUCTS**
 - Do not add through skimmer
 - Add one product at a time
 - Filter for several hours after adding winter chemicals



- **REMOVE LADDER OR IN-POOL STAIRS**
 - Thoroughly clean and dry
 - Store in a cool dry place
- **LOWER WATER LEVEL**
 - Lower water level about 12 inches below the top rail
 - A simple method is to use a vacuum
- **ATTACH AN AQUADOR**
 - Protect skimmer & pool wall
 - Save water
- **USE A SKIM~IN~SURE**
 - Remove skimmer basket
 - Place in your in your skimmer to help prevent ice damage
- **ATTACH A RETURN PLUG**
 - First you must remove directional eye-ball
 - Use a **seat removal tool** to remove inside piece
 - Keep in safe place so you do not lose
- **REMOVE HOSES & GATE VALVES**
 - Store inside so you will get maximum life expectancy
 - Failure to do so may cause damage to your pool
- **DRAIN FILTER, EMPTY, & STORE**
 - Sand Filter - Spread used sand on lawn or flower beds
 - Change sand every year to minimize water problems
 - Store inside to prevent freezing
 - DE/Cartridge - Use either **Baquacil DE/Cartridge Filter Cleaner** or **Bioguard Strip Kwik** to chemically clean and then store inside
- **ATTACH YOUR WINTER COVER**
 - Tighten with **cable** and lock with **winch**
 - In high wind areas use **Cover Locs** or **Universal Wrap** to help secure the cover
 - Do not hang gallon jugs from cover; doing this will shorten the life of the cover and will void the warranty!
- **ATTACH A LEAF NET**
 - Will save you time & effort in Spring time
 - Use during Fall season

- **STORING YOUR SOLAR BLANKET**

- Thoroughly clean, rinse, and dry
- Use **Bioguard Stow Away** to maximize life expectancy
- Store in a cool dry place out of reach of rodents and insects

- **DURING THE WINTER MONTHS**

- Any warm days you should pump of excess water on the cover
- To remove water use a **Cover Pump** or a **Water Pump**

- **OPEN EARLY - BEFORE MOTHER'S DAY**

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* ALL ITEMS HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE STORE