Winterizing An Above-Ground Pool

**1. Bring a water sample in to be tested to insure proper balance.**

**2. Brush and vacuum the pool.**

**3. Add winter closing chemicals.** (different size kits available)

 **\*Adding 1 bottle of Phosphate Remover for every 25,000gal will help prevent algae growth during the**

 **winter months**

**4. Allow chemicals to circulate for at least 1hr before closing the pool.**

**5. Turn off and unplug the pump.**

**6. Remove any ladders, rails and anchors from the pool.**

**7. To winterize the skimmer:**

*- Remove the basket and place an ice compensator in the skimmer****.*** *(the compensator will help*

*prevent the skimmer from cracking over the winter months)*

**8. To winterize the return:**

 *\_ Remove the eyeball insert from the return. There should be 3 pieces when removed correctly.*

 *You should be able to feel threads on the inside of the return.*

 *\_ Once removed, insert an expansion plug and hand tighten. (this till prevent any water from leaking*

 *out and allow your water level to stay higher in the pool)*

**9. Once the pool is plugged, raise the water level to the top of skimmer.**

**10. Add air pillows to the middle of the pool and anchor down to help prevent moving during the**

 **winter.** (pillows have grommets on each side)

**11. Place winter cover on pool, feed the cable through the grommets and tighten with winch.**

**12. Winterizing the filter system:**

 *\_ Once pool is plugged, remove the drain plugs from the strainer pot and sand filter.*

 *\_ Disconnect the hoses from the pump and sand filter*

 *\_ Remove sight glass and pressure gauge.*

*\_ Place the valve on winterize*

The winter months can be brutal. If you can take the pump and valve in do it! If you cannot, then be sure to cover with a tarp or something to help protect against the winter elements.