

# CHECKLIST FOR WINTERIZING YOUR ABOVE GROUND POOL

BE CERTAIN THAT YOUR POOL IS NOT LEAKING WATER BEFORE COVERING. SERIOUS STRUCTURAL DAMAGE CAN OCCUR IF LEAKS GO UNDETECTED THROUGH WINTER SHUT DOWN FROM ICE MOVEMENT.

Important: You should continue to run your filter and to chlorinate your pool until you are ready to close for the winter even if the pool is NOT in use. When you are ready to close the pool:

1. Vacuum your pool completely and adjust pH range to 7.2 to 7.6. Super shock your pool with BLUE SHIELD SANI SHOCK 2 or BLUE SHIELD 12.5% SHOCK.
2. Add BLUE SHIELD WINTERIZER and BLUE SHIELD WINTER TABS ( follow dosage charts). Pour the winterizer directly into the pool. Tie Winter Tab dispensers securely in place, whereby they are not touching or are close to the pool liner. DO NOT TIE THE WINTER TABS TO THE ICE EQUALIZER PILLOW(S). Use a separate rope. For best results, run the filter for 4-8 hours after application.
3. Backwash the filter. Apply BLUE SHIELD LIQUID PUMP PROTECTOR through the skimmer. This will provide protection against pump corrosion.
4. Water level: It is not necessary to lower the pool water. Remove return fitting eyeball and plug it with PROLINE WINTER PLUG. Seal the skimmer opening with a LID'L SEAL WINTER PLATE OR PROLINE SKIMMER PLATE. The skimmer plate helps protect against potential ice damage at the skimmer opening.
5. Remove basket and weir door (flapper) from skimmer. Install Proline skimmer saver. The skimmer saver helps prevent potential ice damage to the skimmer housing.
6. **Disconnect all filter hoses.** Drain and clean the filter and store indoors. If unable to do this, you MUST follow the manufacturer's winterizing instructions on any filter left outdoors. NAMCO does not recommend leaving a filter outdoors during the winter.
7. Remove all articles from your pool such as the ladder, stairs, mats, over the wall skimmers, etc.
8. Blow up the ice equalizer pillow using a shop or canister type vacuum. Set the appropriate size ice equalizer in the center of the pool. Tie the ice equalizer in place to the side of the pool to prevent shifting during winter shut down. Extra ice equalizers may be used to fit particular needs. **MOST COVER WARRANTIES ARE VOID UNLESS THE ICE EQUALIZER IS USED.** The ice equalizer is designed to absorb the ice pressure.
9. Secure the cover in place using cover clips, cable and locking winch or a combination of both. **DO NOT** hang filled plastic bottles from the cover. These will tear the cover and void any cover warranty.
10. **Prior to freezing,** pump any excess water off the cover. Remove any debris (leaves, sticks, etc) from the cover.

## BLUE SHIELD WINTERIZING ACCESSORIES

POOL SIZE	BLUE SHIELD WINTERIZER	BLUE SHIELD WINTER TABS	BLUE SHIELD PUMP PROTECTOR	BLUE SHIELD SANI - SHOCK	ICE EQUALIZER	COVER CLIPS 6 PACKS
<b>ROUND POOLS</b>						
12 - 15 - 18	1	1	1	1	5X5	*4 - 5
18	1	1	1	2	5X5	*4 - 6
21	2	1	1	2	5X5	*5 - 7
24	2	2	1	3	5X5	*6 - 8
27 - 28 - 30	3	2	1	3	5X5	*6 - 9
33	3	3	1	4	5X5	*7 - 10
<b>OVAL POOLS</b>						
8 X 12	1	1	1	1	5X5	*4 - 5
10 X 15	1	1	1	1	5X5	*4 - 6
12 X 18	1	1	1	1	5X5	*5 - 7
12 X 20 - 12 X 24	1	1	1	2	5X5	*5 - 7
15 X 21 15 X 22	1	1	1	2	5X5	*4 - 5
15 X 25	2	1	1	2	5X15	*5 - 7
18 X 24 18 X 29	2	1	1	2	5X15	*4 - 6
15 X 30	2	2	1	2	5X15	*6 - 8
16 x 32	2	2	1	3	5X15	*6 - 9
18 X 33 - 18 X 36	2	2	1	4	5X15	*6 - 9
21 X 33 - 21 X 41	3	3	1	4	5X15	*8 - 11
<b>INGROUND POOLS</b>						
12 X 20 - 12 X 24	1	1	1	2	5X15	N/A
16 X 24	2	1	1	3	5X15	N/A
16 X 32	2	2	1	4	5X15	N/A
18 X 36	3	3	1	4	5X15	N/A
20 X 40	3	3	1	7	5X15	N/A
24 X 44 - 30 X 50	4	4	1	9	5X15	N/A
NOTE: COVER CLIPS * - EXPLANATION: *4-5 = INSTALL 2 PER TOPRAIL - (4) 6 PACKS NEEDED						
INSTALL 3 PER TOPRAIL (RECOMMENDED) - (5) 6 PACKS NEEDED						

**While you are here, don't forget these fine winter products:**

**For All Pool Owners**

- Winter Plate (s)
- Winter Plug (s)
- Winter Cover Pump
- Winterized Cover Rope

**For Above Ground Pool Owners:**

- Cover Clips
- Winch And Cable
- Water Bags (decks / walk arounds)

**For Inground Pool Owners:**

- Water Bags
- Pipeline Anti-Freeze

**And Stock up on Summer Goods at End of the Year Pricing**

# How to Winterize your Above Ground Pool

## Chemicals Required

Blue Shield Sani-Shock  
Blue Shield Winterizer  
Blue Shield Winter Tabs  
Blue Shield Pump Protector  
Summer Balancing chemicals

## Accessories Required

Winter Skimmer Plate  
Return Plug  
Ice Equalizer  
Cover Clips/Winch/Cable  
Water Bags  
Winter Cover Rope  
Winter Cover  
Winter Cover Seal  
Cover Drainer/Pump

## Water Preparation

Operate pool normally until you are ready to winterize.

Balance your pool water. (pH, alkalinity, hardness, and stabilizer)

Brush the pool walls, and vacuum the pool.

Remove all objects from the pool, including ladders, lights, alarms, etc.

Add Blue Shield Sani-Shock 2 according to the directions for your size pool. **You should wait at least 24 hours** after applying shock before you cover your pool. Covering your pool while there is still chlorine in the water will start to deteriorate the pool cover.

Pour correct amount of Blue Shield Winterizer directly into the pool and let filter for at least 8 hours.

Using Winter Cover Rope, suspend Blue Shield Winter Tabs securely across the pool, approx. 12" below the surface and 24" from the pool wall. Tie the rope over the ice equalizer.

Run filter for 8 hours.

## Pool and Filter Preparation

Clean your filter system according to manufacturer's directions. (Back-wash sand filters, swipe grids and drain, clean element or grids, etc.)

With filter running, pour Blue Shield Pump Protector through skimmer.

Turn pump off after 5 seconds or if blue color starts to return to the pool through the return. Let filter sit for 1 hour.

Install new Jedco face plate and snap on lid. Or install Proline Winter Plate. Remove 3 part eyeball and install Return Plug.

Disconnect all filter hoses, drain filter system and **store filter and motor inside for the winter to prevent freezing and damage. Any filter or pump left out in the winter will not be covered under the manufacturer's warranty.**

Inflate Ice Equalizer 3/4 full. The ice equalizer should be filled a day before closing to make sure there are no defects in it. Using Cover Rope, secure the Ice Equalizer across the center of the pool and place under the Winter Tab rope.

Install Blue Shield Winter Cover. Use 3 Cover Clips per top seat, or if using the cover cable and winch system, use 2 Cover Clips per top seat.

Use Water Bags to secure cover on top of any deck or walk around. In high wind areas Winter Cover Seal is recommended to save the cover from wind whip.

## In-Ground Pools

The procedure is the same except you must winterize the in-ground pipes and filter lines.

**Added accessories needed: Water Bags, Skimmer Saver, Pipeline Anti Freeze.**

- Blow out each individual line by using an air compressor or shop vac.
- Plug each line at the pool once all water has been eliminated
- Add one gallon Antifreeze to each line
- Plug line at filter side once Antifreeze has been added.

**REMEMBER TO PUMP ANY EXCESS WATER OFF OF THE COVER THROUGHOUT THE WINTER**