

# LANDI POOLS & GAMES

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## Pool Winterization Guide

**1. Properly balance your Pool water** - Make sure that everything is balanced to the following levels:

- pH - 7.2 to 7.6
- Total Alkalinity - 80ppm to 120ppm
- Sanitizer level should be adjusted to 1.5ppm – 4ppm



**2. Brush** - all pool walls and bottom of pool. Vacuum if needed. Clean along water line and pool surfaces with a tile & vinyl cleaner.



**3. Add Winterizing Kit and Natural Chemistry's Pool Magic Spring & Fall.**

These winterizing chemicals are specifically formulated for cooler water temperatures – They will control organic contamination, reduce waterline ring, and combat algae growth during the off-season to minimize the work when opening the pool!

**4. Circulate** - If possible allow filter to circulate closing chemicals for 2-3 hours.

**5. Drain Pool water level** at least 1-2" below the skimmers (unless you're using an Aquador or similar product to cover skimmer faceplate) and plug the return. To winterize a return inlet light, follow manufacturer's instructions, i.e. for the Aqualuminator Light, remove bulb and use a #9 plug.

**6. Drain water from the filter, pump, heater, return & drain pipes** / filter hoses to prevent freeze damage. Blow out all underground lines using a heavy duty shop vac or commercial air blower. For Inground pools use a "Gizzmo" to plug skimmers and prevent cracking and plug return lines. Shut off electricity and gas. Cover pump and heater with plastic.

**7. Clean and store** filters, skimmer baskets, pump strainer basket, ladders, pool rope, and maintenance equipment. We recommend soaking filter elements (DE or Cartridge Filters) in a Filter Cleaner before storing for the winter; this will prolong the life of the cartridge/elements and allow the filter to run more efficiently.

Your test kit and any remaining liquid treatment chemicals should be stored where they will not freeze.

**8. Cover** - We recommend using a good, solid pool cover, rather than a mesh cover, for covering your pool. For Above Ground pools, be sure to use an air pillow in the center of pool as an ice compensator and to distribute water around the outer edges of the cover for a more secure hold. Leave 1-3 inches of water around the perimeter of the cover to prevent it from flapping or blowing in high wind areas. Be sure to pump off large accumulations of water, as too much weight on cover may cause the cover to fall in.

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