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## **DO-IT-YOURSELF WINTERIZING**

Test Water. Treat algae and/or metal problems. Adjust Total Alkalinity, Calcium Hardness and pH. Brush walls and thoroughly vacuum pool. Clean Filter with *Filter Brite*. Remove Solar Cover then clean and preserve with *Stow Away*. Add *Hibernate Winter Kit* (winter shock and algaecide) to pool water – Add *Hiber Shock* around pool edges. Wait an hour, then add *Hibernate Algaecide*. Keep pump and filter on one more hour.

AFTER Chemical Application...

Partially drain pool, usually at least  $4^{"} - 6^{"}$  below skimmer / returns. If you have a fiberglass pool, insert a skimmer plug in the face of the skimmer and leave the pool full.

IMPORTANT: MAKE SURE ELECTRICITY AND / OR GAS IS SHUT OFF.

<u>Filter</u>: Set dial valve to 'winter' or at a neutral position (between settings). Take drain cock (plug) off filter to drain water from filter and LEAVE OFF to drip or drain all winter. Take pressure gauge off and bring in house.

Pump: Undo lid, leave off! Undo drain plug, leave off! Suck water out with Wet Vac.

<u>Eyeballs</u>: Take eyeballs (jets) out of Returns and install winter plugs  $(1 \frac{1}{2})$  or 2") or rubber stoppers.

<u>Plumbing</u>: Disconnect Union, take apart and 'blow out lines' (suck out water with Wet Vac). Disconnect Union (if there is one) from pump suction line (line from pump to skimmer). Block off 2 holes in skimmer with plugs, then shop vac line from pump to skimmer. Then protect lines with *Hibernate Antifreeze* NEVER USE AUTOMOBILE ANTIFREEZE – IT'S TOXIC! and could severely damage your equipment. Antifreeze goes in lines, not in pool. Chlorinator should be drained and flushed but antifreeze should <u>not</u> be added to chlorinator.

Heater: Disconnect By-Pass. Remove plugs from front and rear headers.

<u>Cover the Pool</u> with a well designed cover to protect it from winter winds, leaves, dirt and debris. Use tie-downs or water bags to secure, NOT cement blocks, etc. which damage pool if they fall in!

NOTE: If you decide not to cover your pool, you'll need to add a second treatment of Shock about mid-winter, pre-dissolve and pour slowly around pool edges.