

Important Information:

Pool Winterizing:

Ottawa Bylaw: Pool owners who are residing in the greater Ottawa area must comply with the 'new' city bylaw that requires pool owners: (a) neutralize the chlorine prior to discharging water onto public property or storm sewers; (b) Salt water pool owners must discharge salt water into household sewer system or contain the discharged water on their own property; (c) discharged water must be free of debris and algae.

1) Chlorine Must be Neutralized:

Prior to discharging water onto public property and/or storm sewers, the chlorine in the pool must be neutralized with AQUA Neutralizer – this is now available in the store.

2) Algaecide

Do not put any algaecide in pool at least one week prior to lowering water in the pool.

3) Ensure your water characteristics are close to:

- PH – 7.6
- Total Alkalinity – 125-150 ppm
- Calcium Hardness – 200-250 ppm

Lowering Pool Water:

A submersible pump is the simplest way to lower the water and also the slowest, or you can use your pool vacuum.

Connect the vacuum as usual into the skimmer. Once the air has been bled out of the system, turn-off pump and set filter to 'waste' setting. Turn pump 'on' and let it continue to discharge water. Re-check connection in skimmer. Run water from garden hose into skimmer. As pool level lowers below skimmer the water from the garden hose will maintain a seal around the connection in the skimmer. Lower water below lowest 'return jet' in the pool. When desired water-level in pool has been achieved, turn off pump, garden hose, and unplug vacuum.

HINT: Above ground pools, traditional siphoning approach may also be used. While filter is operating in the normal 'filter' position place vacuum hose in pool to the return jet and the other end of hose outside of pool on property. As the water discharges out of pool pull hose end away from jet and water should continue siphoning. Place weight or vacuum head to hold hose underwater. Turn off pump and let water discharge to desired level approximately 12" below skimmer.