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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.

- Ensure your water characteristics are close to:
 - PH – 7.6
 - Total Alkalinity – 125-150 ppm
 - Calcium Hardness – 200-250 ppm
- Scrub all walls and steps thoroughly; remove visible debris either with a leaf rake and/or vacuum to waste.
- Clean your sand/cartridges inside filter with **BioGuard Filter Brite** (sold separately from winterizing kit). This will remove oil, scale and other deposits from your filter (while ensuring an operational filter next spring). Remember to complete the process with a backwash and rinse cycle (sand filters).
- Lower your pool water to the desired level recommended by the pool manufacturer or Poolarama. Generally the level should be below the lowest level return jet. Drain (blow out) all water lines.
- Add winterizing kit.

Winterizing Kits (available for the following steps):

- Add SHOCK – This will remove organic contaminants from your pool.
- Add ALGAECIDE to prevent the growth of algae.
- To protect your pool walls and equipment from scale formation rust or mineral staining distribute recommended amount of STAIN & SCALE evenly throughout your pool.

- Add **AQUA Anti-Freeze** (sold separately) to plumbing and pump to prevent against freezing.
- Ensure you drain your filter, leave unplugged and place the filter handle to the winterize position (or open). Remove pressure gauge, air bleeder (if so equipped)
- Remove pump basket and drain plugs from all pumps to drain water and replace drain plugs. Top up with Aqua Pool Grade anti-freeze to prevent residual water freezing; this will also prevent against pump seal from drying out – thus ensuring an operational pump in the spring and 'no leaks'. If possible, store above ground pump indoors in a warm dry area.
- Salt Chlorinator: remove salt cell from plumbing and store indoors (highly recommended) and turn off control panel. Prior to storage, clean the salt cell with **AQUA Salt Cell Cleaner**. This will remove any scale build-up and ensure your salt cell operates efficiently in the spring.
- Pool Heater: Drain heater as recommended by heater manufacturer.
- Remove ladder, diving board, light, skimmer basket and skimmer weir.
- Add antifreeze to skimmer plumbing.
- Plug all returns and use a "gizzmo" and plug in skimmer.
- Install pool cover and/or leaf net to keep pool clean and prevent additional staining from leaves.
- Recommended: All electrical breakers feeding pool equipment are turn-off at the panel.