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CLEARWATER POOL & SPA

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Closing Your Pool

As cold weather approaches, you will want to start thinking about having your swimming pool winterized. The main purpose in winterizing your swimming pool is to protect it from damage due to freezing water. Another reason to have your pool closed correctly is to keep it as clean as possible for the next season. Having your swimming pool closed properly and maintained throughout the winter months can save you a lot of work when it comes time to open the swimming pool for the summer.

1 Clearwater Pool Closings

Whether you have an above ground or in-ground pool, Clearwater Pool & Spa has the experience to properly close your pool so you can rest assured it will open in the same condition it was closed. Our close attention to detail allows us to properly remove the water from your lines and equipment that will eliminate freeze damage. Every pool closing includes:

- ❖ Winterizing of all lines via air compressor
- ❖ All deck equipment removed and stored away
- ❖ 5lbs. of shock
- ❖ 1qt. of algaecide
- ❖ Filter disassembled, cleaned, and drained
- ❖ Pump and motor disassembled and drained
- ❖ Cover installed
- ❖ Anti-freeze and an expansion preventative added to skimmers

All residential swimming pools under 40,000 gallons is \$375.

2 Preparation

Preparing your pool for closing starts 3-4 days before the day your pool is scheduled to be closed. These simple steps will ensure you have a successful closing, as well as an easier opening. Whether you have Clearwater Pool & Spa closing your swimming pool, or you plan to do it yourself, make certain you:

- I. Adjust pH to 7.2-7.8 to prevent stains, scaling and algae growth.
- II. Run the filter for 24-48 hours.
- III. Remove floating debris and vacuum thoroughly.
- IV. Lower your water below the skimmer and/or tile line by about 2 inches.
- V. Have your cover and closing equipment out near the pool.
- VI. If Clearwater Pool & Spa is closing your pool, let us know if any equipment is to be stored inside and where you would like us to put it. If you are unable to move your cover, notify us where it is and make sure we have a clear path to bring it outside.

3 After Your Pool is Closed

Taking care of your swimming pool in the winter months is just as important as caring for it in the summer months. Too many people tend to assume everything is fine because their pool has a cover on it. If you want to see clear water when you open the pool, you need to regularly maintain it over the winter. Below are some tips that can ensure you crystal clear water in the spring!

- I. Watch the weather. Most importantly, keep the water a couple inches below the skimmer and/or tile line.
- II. Add chlorine and algaecide regularly.
- III. Keep your pool cover clean all winter long. Pump water off above ground pool covers and solid safety covers. Remove snow as quickly as possible, even while it is coming down. Snow is very heavy and wreaks havoc on all types of covers.
- IV. Check your skimmers regularly to make sure the anti-freeze is still in place and doing its job.
- V. Make sure your safety cover is securely anchored at every anchor point.
- VI. In our climate zone, the following trade-phrase could not be truer, “Late to bed, early to rise, keeps your pool healthy and easy on the eyes.” In other words, close late, open early.

4 Winter Service Plans

Clearwater Pool & Spa offers quality winterization care and maintenance for your pool and spa at very affordable rates. Gain peace of mind knowing the Professionals are looking after your pool and spa when it is the furthest thing from your mind. We highly recommend our Seasonal Winter Service Plan as it covers the entire winter, and we do offer 2 more Winter Service plans to help accommodate everyone's needs.

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| ❖ Complete Care Winter Service Plan | \$740 |
| 8 total visits (2 per month, November through February) | |
| ❖ Monthly Winter Service Plan | \$380 |
| 4 total visits (1 per month, November through February) | |
| ❖ 1 Time Winter Check-Up | \$125 |
| 1 total visit (November through February) | |

Complete Care Winter Service Plans and Monthly Winter Service Plans have convenient payment plans for small administrative fee, which is outlined in our simple one page contract.