

Pool Closing Checklist



Preparing the Water and Protecting the Pool

At Least 48 Hours Before Closing Your Pool:

- Bring a 1 liter water sample to your **Dazzle™ Retailer**. Balance water for winter conditions. Water becomes more corrosive when cold. For better protection, increase the pH to 7.6 - 7.8 for closing with **Dazzle™ pH Plus**.
- Clean your filter media with **Dazzle™ Rapid Action Filter Cleanse**, following label directions.
- Following filter cleaning, deep cleanse water with **Dazzle™ Prep Cleanse**. Shake well and add product through the skimmer. 1 bottle treats 80,000 litres.

Within 24 Hours of Closing Your Pool (these steps can be performed before or after lowering the water):

- Prevent stains and scale formation over winter; For fresh-water pools - use **Dazzle™ Stain & Scale Cleanse**. For salt water pools – use **Pristiva™ Primer**. 1 bottle of either treats 80,000 litres.
- Remove organic wastes for clean, clear water; For fresh-water pools - use **Dazzle™ Amaze Plus** (1 pouch per 40,000 litres) or **Dazzle™ Ultra Shock**. For salt pools – use **Pristiva™ Premium Shock**. Shock products can be pre-mixed with pool water and poured around edges of pool. Brush pool after application to ensure even mixing.
- For fresh-water pools; Prevent algae with **Dazzle™ Algae Resist 50** (60 ml per 10,000 litres) or **Algae Clear 60** (100 ml per 10,000 litres). Apply directly to the pool, pouring around the edges and brush to mix.
- For added protection against algae for safety covers, use **Dazzle™ Phos Cleanse Plus** by pouring directly into pool water. Shake well and triple rinse. Brush to mix. Consult your **Dazzle™ Retailer**.
- Allow 1 hour between product additions unless more specific instructions say otherwise.

Prepare the Equipment and the Pool:

- Check the pool for broken or worn parts and replace if needed.
- Remove any leaves and physical debris using a leaf net. Brush pool walls thoroughly.
- Lower the water level by vacuuming to drain/waste.
 - In-ground pool: 1" below lowest return jet – allowing all water to drain.
 - Above-ground pool: 18" below mouth of skimmer.

Note: When the water level falls below the skimmer mouth while vacuuming, a garden hose in the skimmer will help you maintain adequate suction and not lose prime in your pump.

- Clean the bathtub ring around the pool and the skimmer with **Dazzle™ Surface Cleanse**.
- Clean out the skimmer basket and the pump's hair and lint basket.
- Remove and store skimmer basket, return fittings, ladder(s), diving board, underwater lights, auto cleaners, etc.
- Ensure all water has drained from pool return piping and plug. Remove all water from pool suction line and skimmer.
 - If necessary, blow out the water from your piping using an air blower (shop vac).
- Remove drain plugs from pump, filter, heater, chlorinator and any other equipment. Allow all water to drain. Once all the water has drained, apply a silicone lubricant to drain plugs and re-install (do not use lubricants on chlorinator drain plugs).
 - **Filter:** Remove and store pressure gauge(s) and site glass and place filter dial valve in the winterize position. The drain plug should be left out to ensure proper draining.
 - **Heater:** Check with your **Dazzle™ Retailer** for specific instructions on how to winterize your heater.
 - **Pump:** Pour **Dazzle™ Premium Antifreeze** into the wet-end of the pump. Lubricate the lid 'o'-ring with a silicone lubricant and re-install lid but do not tighten.
 - **Automatic Chlorinators/Brominators:** Remove any remaining sanitizer and flush with water. Do not use antifreeze in automatic chlorinators/ brominators.
 - **Salt Chlorinator:** Remove cell, clean with **Pristiva™ Salt Cell Cleaner** as per product label instructions. After cleaning, cell can be stored indoors. Cover open ends of piping where cell was installed to prevent unwanted entry.

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- Suction Line and Skimmer:**
 - If your pool has a functioning main drain line, put approximately three feet of foam rope down the main drain line (located in the skimmer). Plug it off with a rubber expandable plug or a threaded plug wrapped in teflon tape.
 - Make sure any remaining water is completely out of the skimmer and suction line. Use a shop vac to ensure all water has been removed.
 - Pour approximately two litres of **Dazzle™ Premium Antifreeze** down your suction line, then feed approximately two feet of foam rope down the suction line for best protection.
 - Use a "gizmo" to plug this line and absorb any expansion in the skimmer. Alternatively, consult your retailer on other plugs and methods of winterizing your skimmer.
 - After the skimmer has been plugged and expansion device installed, pour additional **Dazzle™ Premium Antifreeze** into the skimmer for extra protection.
- Place winter cover on pool.
- Place water bags around cover: Place water bags through loops. Fill to approximately 50%, be careful not to over fill. Ideally, water bags should be touching end to end.
- Add 1" of water to the topside of the cover to help provide stability for windy days.
- Consult with your **Dazzle™ Retailer** if a top-up amount of water is to be placed under the cover to raise the pool water level to the correct line for winter.
- Clean, protect and preserve your solar blanket by cleaning properly before storage with **Dazzle™ Cover Cleanse**.

Note: Each pool is unique, for more comprehensive winterizing instructions, consult your **Dazzle™ Retailer**.

If you are using a safety or mesh cover or no cover at all, re-treat with shock and algicide at the first thaw in the spring to reduce the risk of algae at opening. Consult your **Dazzle™ Retailer** on how best to do this. Always pre-mix products when applying to cold water and when the pump/filter is not in operation and brush after addition.

SHOPPING LIST:

- Dazzle™ Winter Kit**
- Dazzle™ Prep Cleanse**
- Dazzle™ Phos Cleanse Plus**
- Dazzle™ Rapid Action Filter Cleanse**
- Dazzle™ Surface Cleanse**
- Dazzle™ Premium Antifreeze**
- Dazzle™ Cover Cleanse**
- Foam Rope
- "Gizmo" or other type of skimmer freeze protection
- Teflon tape
- Rubber expandable plugs and/or drain plugs
- Water bags
- Silicone Lubricant
- Leaf net
- Pool brush
- Pool-grade sponge or brush
- Replacement parts (cracked baskets etc.)
- Other _____