



## Winterizing an In-Ground Pool

1. Drain water 4-5" below skimmer (if using pool pump to drain, close skimmer valve and use main drain with filter set to "waste")
2. Turn off gas and pool heater if present
3. Turn on pump and open valve to skimmer to drain remaining water out of skimmer and then turn pump off
4. Open all valves and turn filter to recirculate
5. Blow through skimmer until all water has been blown through the returns and air is blowing through at the returns
6. While air is blowing through the returns, plug all returns (beginning with the most forceful). With all of the returns plugged, air will be forced to blow through the main drain
7. When air begins bubbling up through the main drain, close all valves to air-lock the main drain
8. Install Gizmo into skimmer
9. Add closing chemicals into pool
10. 1 bottle of algaecide for a winter cover / 2 bottles of algaecide for a safety cover
11. Calcium-Hypochlorite shock (1 bag / 16,000 gallons)
12. (pre-dissolve shock in a 5 gallon bucket with water) **MAKE SURE SHOCK IS COMPLETELY DISSOLVED** – failure to do so may result in discoloration of the liner.
13. Remove all drain plugs from the equipment (filter/heater/pump/etc) and store in pump basket
14. Remove remaining chlorine tabs from chlorinator