

CUSTOMER: _____ TYPE OF POOL: _____ VOLUME OF POOL: _____

SALESPERSON: _____ DATE: _____

The steps described below are intended to guide you through the process of closing an in-ground gunite pool that has been properly maintained during the swimming season. **You must read and follow product label directions and accompanying precautionary statements.**

NOTE: One week before closing, pour _____ ounces of *Pool Magic + PHOSfree* into the skimmer with the pump running.

1. Remove any debris from the pool using a leaf rake, leaf bagger, or skimmer net.
2. Brush and vacuum the pool.
3. Pour _____ ounces of *Metal Free* around the perimeter of the pool with the pump running or add a *Stain & Scale Pill*. Follow manufacturer directions.
4. Adjust the Total Alkalinity to 80-120 ppm, depending upon the type of primary sanitizer used. (80-100 ppm for sodium hypochlorite, calcium hypochlorite or lithium hypochlorite and 100-120 ppm for dichlor, trichlor and bromine tablets).
5. Adjust the pH to 7.4-7.6. *Never Mix Chemicals
6. Adjust Calcium Hardness to 200-400ppm. *Always wait 1-2 hours between adding chemicals
7. Add _____ ounces of Leslie's *Algae Control* to a bucket of water then pour around the perimeter of the pool with the pump running. Wait 1 hour with the pump running.
8. Broadcast _____ pounds of Leslie's *Fresh 'N Clear* across the surface of the pool with the pump running.
9. Bring the chlorine level to 2.0 -4.0 ppm by broadcasting Leslie's *Chlor Brite* evenly over a wide area in the deepest part of the pool with the circulation pump running. Use 3 oz. of Leslie's *Chlor Brite* per 10,000 gallons to increase the chlorine level by 1 ppm.

Wait 8 hours with the pump running.

10. Add a *Winter Pill* to the pool following manufacturers instructions.

11. Backwash or manually clean the filter.

If you live an area where your pool will not freeze, skip to Step 22.

12. Lower the water level below the skimmer and all return lines (normally about 18 inches below the tile line). **NOTE:** Leslie's does not recommend draining an in-ground vinyl or fiberglass pool. Refer to pool manufacturer for winterizing procedures.
13. Remove the drain plugs from the pump strainer basket housing, the pump volute, the filter tank, and the heater.
14. If the pool has a booster pump or automatic chlorinator, drain them following the manufacturers instructions
15. Turn off the main power supply and remove the *on* and *off* trippers from the time clock.
16. Position the multi-port valve handle between any two settings. *This will ensure all ports are partially open to allow for freeze expansion.*
17. Place all the drain plugs in the pump strainer basket and replace the lid.
18. After the water has completely drained out of the plumbing lines, put winterizing plugs into the return line and skimmer line.
19. Add swimming pool anti-freeze to all lines at the rate of one gallon per 10 feet of pipe and place a *Skimguard* into the skimmer.
20. Refill the pool to 1-2 inches below the skimmer in both vinyl liner pools and gunite (plaster) pools.
21. Remove all articles such as ladders, hoses, over-the-top skimmers, etc. Remove the automatic pool cleaner and drain it completely. Lay the hoses out straight in a non-freezing location.
22. Inflate air pillows and tie air pillows to a stationary object. If more than one pillow is needed, tie them together using the grommets located on the pillow's corners.
23. Cover the pool. If using a **winter cover**, fill the water tubes or *Hold-Em-Downs*. and place them along the perimeter of the cover. If using a **safety cover**, secure the cover to the anchors using the supplied springs.

If you live an area where your pool will not freeze, set your pool timer to operate the pump 2-4 hours per day.

During the winter season, test your water and visually inspect the pool and cover at least once a month. If the water changes color or the pool surface shows signs of stains, take a water sample to your local Leslie's store for a professional analysis and recommendations.

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CAUTION: Read and follow product label directions. With the pump running, add product directly to pool or spa water unless label specifies otherwise. Never mix