SEASONAL CLOSING

Before the cover goes on

Get your records together, check the water, and make a plan before closing day. This is a preparation check, not a set of winterizing instructions.

START HERE	A quick check to spot changes and plan the next job. Water testing may take longer depending on your kit. Cleaning, repairs, and winterizing the pool are separate jobs.

☐ 1. Find the right instructions

Keep the pool, cover, and equipment manuals together. Confirm who is closing the pool and the appointment date.

☐ 2. Take a last set of readings

While the pool is operating, record sanitizer and pH, plus supporting tests due for your system. Follow your kit and product labels.

☐ 3. Look at the water and pool

Note clarity, debris, stains, and water level. Record damage or unusual water loss before the cover hides it.

☐ 4. Save the equipment baseline

Record pump speed, pressure, and flow while safely operating. Photograph labels and valve positions. Do not restart winterized equipment for this check.

☐ 5. Check the cover and barriers

From the deck, check cover condition, hardware, gates, and latches. Never walk on a cover or assume every cover is a safety cover.

☐ 6. Confirm the freeze plan

Confirm the plan for plumbing, equipment, and power loss. Use your exact system instructions and qualified help for unfamiliar winterizing work.

☐ 7. Plan storage and follow-up

Follow label storage instructions. Keep chemicals in their original containers, separated as directed and out of children's reach.

☐ 8. Write down the next job

List repairs, the closing appointment, and the next cover and water-level check. Save today's readings for spring.

YOUR POOL BASELINE

Good records save guesswork.

Record the pool and equipment once; update the measurements each visit.

Pool / surface	Gallons / method	Sanitizer system	Service contact

Water test record

Test	Result / date	Test	Result / date
Free / total chlorine		pH	
Bromine if used		Total alkalinity	
Calcium hardness		CYA stabilizer	
Salt if used		Temperature / clarity	

Record ppm where applicable; pH has no unit. Follow the kit method and use tests appropriate to your system.

COMPARE LIKE WITH LIKE	Record pressure at the same speed and valve settings. Use the manual’s cleaning threshold and pressure-release procedure.

Equipment	Brand / model	Normal setting
Pump		
Filter		
Heater / heat pump		
Salt cell / feeder		
Automation / cover		

SEASONAL PLANNING

Make the next check easier.

Use local conditions and the exact pool and equipment instructions to set timing.

When	What to do	Date / note
Before closing	Complete this check while the pool is operating. Arrange repairs and confirm the closing procedure with your pool professional.	
On closing day	Follow the builder and equipment instructions for water level, line protection, draining, plugs, and cover setup. Record the work completed and where parts are stored.	
While the pool is closed	Check the cover, surrounding drainage, and water level from a safe position at the intervals your cover and pool instructions require, and after severe weather.	
At spring opening	Inspect for damage and follow the equipment restart instructions. Confirm circulation, water quality, barriers, and suction-cover condition before swimming.	

Closing appointment / contact

Cover make / instructions

Winter parts stored at

Next cover and water-level check

SAFETY AND NEXT STEPS

Know when to call for help.

Keep unfamiliar repairs and unsafe equipment with a qualified professional.

Stop point	What to do next
Electricity	Keep away from wet wiring, damaged cords, repeated breaker trips, sparks, or burning smells. Keep others away and call a qualified professional. Do not touch suspect equipment.
Pressure	Stop using equipment with a damaged or leaking tank, clamp, lid, gauge, or closure. Never loosen a part while it is pressurized. Follow the exact shutdown and pressure-release instructions before service.
Suction	Keep the pool closed if a suction cover is loose, broken, missing, or not known to be secure. Have a qualified professional inspect it before the system is used.
Chemicals	Move away from spills, strong fumes, unknown mixtures, or reactions. Follow the product's emergency instructions. Never mix pool chemicals or use a shared scoop or container.
Visibility or damage	Keep swimmers out if the bottom is not clearly visible, water loss is rapid, or walls, decking, fittings, or the liner change suddenly. Arrange professional inspection.

EMERGENCY	For gas odor, fire, electrical shock, breathing difficulty, severe chemical exposure, entrapment, or another immediate threat, leave the area and call emergency services. Do not troubleshoot the emergency yourself.

Keep helpful tools close

Water Log

https://www.poolsidefix.com/water-log

Fix Finder

https://www.poolsidefix.com/#finder

Open It Right. Close It Clean.

https://www.poolsidefix.com/guides/open-it-right-close-it-clean

Further reading: Pentair: winter care for open and closed pools

https://www.pentair.com/en-us/education-support/water-education-center/pool-and-spa-education/do-i-need-to-close-my-pool.html