

Pool Closing

How do I close my pool?

Step 1. Clean Your Pool

Clean-up next Spring will be greatly reduced if your pool is thoroughly cleaned before closing it in the Fall. Be sure to vacuum the bottom and skim the surface before proceeding to the next step.

Step 2. Balance Your Water

Balance the components of your pool the same way you would if you were maintaining your pool for the swimming season. All components should be within their desired ranges; add the appropriate corrective chemicals to bring levels into the required range. Bring in a water sample for Checkers to test at no cost.

Step 3. Lower The Water Level

Lower the water level in your pool to 4 inches below the skimmer. Checkers suggests taking all above-ground pool filter equipment indoors for the winter to prevent cracking from freezing water. In-ground pool filters require that the lines be properly drained or blown out and plugged. Be sure to follow manufacturer's guidelines and instructions for protecting your underground pool lines.

Step 3. Add Checkers Winterizing Kit

To make winterizing simple and economical, we suggest one of **Checkers Specially Formulated Winterizing Kits**, available in convenient sizes to fit your pool. Our kits are Packaged Exclusively for Checkers Pools with the proper doses and winterizing products made to treat above-ground and in-ground pools with Solid Covers and Mesh Style Covers

Step 4. Drain and Plug Your Lines

In-ground pools require the lines to be properly drained and plugged. The next step is to drain or blow out the lines. Proceed to fill the skimmer box with Non-Toxic Anti-Freeze. In the Spring, Anti-Freeze can be vacuumed out or drained into the pool since it is a non-toxic formula. Be sure to follow manufacturer guidelines and instructions for protecting in-ground pool lines.

Be sure to place an Skimmer Guard into the skimmer to prevent costly damage from ice. The Skimmer Guard acts as an ice compensator and will prevent your skimmer from cracking once the rain/snow water accumulates in the skimmer.

TIME-SAVING TIP - After you've drained your pool equipment and plugged all your lines, place all the drain plugs, return jet fittings, light screws, etc. into your skimmer basket. Store your skimmer basket filled with these items next to your other pool supplies over the winter and you won't have to look for them next Spring!

Step 5. Cover Your Pool

Taking the time to correctly cover your pool is the single most important step to opening a clean pool in the Spring.

What types of covers are available for my pool?

Checkers Is an Authorized Dealer and Installer of Loop Loc Brand Safety Pool Covers

Safety Pool Covers

Safety pool covers protect your pool from harsh weather and debris, but also offer the added benefit of preventing drowning accidents and keeping animals and intruders out of the pool. A safety cover is installed tight over the surface of the swimming pool using a unique anchoring system, and can safely support many times the weight of a person. **Loop Loc Safety Covers** can be custom-made to fit unusually shaped pools. We can recommend a size best suited to your pool type.

Safety Solid Winter Covers

With a correctly installed Solid Winter Cover, your properly treated pool water is as clean in the Spring as it was when the pool was closed in the Fall. Debris, snow and rain accumulate on top of the cover, but cannot contaminate the pool water below.

TIME-SAVING TIP - In the Spring, drain as much water from the cover as possible a few days before removing it. This allows the last inch or two of water to evaporate completely by the time the cover is to be removed. Remember, a couple of inches of water on a solid winter cover can weigh hundreds of pounds, making removal difficult.

Safety Mesh Winter Covers

Fine Mesh Winter covers (For In-Ground Pools) can offer an advantage over solid Winter pool covers, and make Spring clean-up quicker and easier. Mesh Winter covers allow rain water and melting snow to pass directly through the Winter cover, and trap leaves and debris on top. You no longer have to drain all of the standing water off the top of the pool cover in the Spring! You can simply lift a mesh Winter cover off of the pool with the debris.

Tarp Covers Waterbag Style (For Above or In-Ground Pools)
Checkers Carries Sizes and Shapes to Fit Most Pools