

Gearing Up for Winter

Summer has ended, which means colder temperatures will be here soon. Preventative maintenance is still necessary even if pools are not being used.

- Regular maintenance prevents pools from deterioration in the pool off-season. Certain conditions can reduce the life of the equipment during the winter months.
- Although pools are not used as often during the winter months, pool water chemistry should be maintained to prevent algae. State regulations require chlorine to be at a minimum of 1 part per million. The main drains must be clearly visible at the deepest part of the pool at all times.
- Maintaining water chemistry helps prevent possible mosquito breeding in the water. In turn, the spread of West Nile Virus is minimized.
- All premises should be maintained in such a manner as to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes on the premises. Any containers holding water must be removed or emptied to eliminate mosquito breeding.
- Even though pool covers are not required, a pool cover can help prevent trash or other debris from entering the pool and can also reduce water evaporation.
- All pumps, filters, disinfectant and chemical feeders, drains, ladders, lighting, ropes and appurtenant equipment used in the operation of all swimming pools, spas, diving towers, and water slides must be maintained in a good state of repair.
- Circulation systems must run continuously all year and ladders in the deep end must remain in place at all times.

