



Above Ground Pool Opening Instructions

1. As the ice on the cover thaws, slowly pump off the water, while replenishing displaced water inside the pool. **It is important to maintain your pool water level to $\frac{3}{4}$ way up the skimmer.** Be sure when you are filling the pool to have your winter plug in the skimmer to ensure that the water is not draining out of the skimmer hose.
2. Loosen the winch, leaving the cable loosely on the cover, then slide the cover off of the pool. Deflate the pillow (if used) and remove. Scrub the cover thoroughly on both sides and allow time to dry; fold to store. While waiting for the pool to fill, clean the bathtub ring on the liner and clean the top seats.
3. Check the hoses for any winter damage. Reconnect pool-to-filter hoses (skimmer line to pump, inlet line to return side of the filter multiport) and backwash line.
4. Replace the drain plugs to pump strainer, the drain plug at the filter tank, the pressure gauge, and the sight glass.
5. Be sure all drain plugs are wrapped with teflon tape, and all o-rings are lubricated with an o-ring lubricant before assembly. Never use Vaseline as this will deteriorate the o-rings.
6. Replace the pump strainer basket then close the lid tightly.
7. Remove the 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " winter plug from the inlet, and replace it with the directional eyeball.
8. Install weir door (flapper door) in the skimmer along with the basket.
9. Check the filter and the pump for any leakage.
10. When the pool is full, remove the 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " winter plug from the skimmer and start the filtration system; check for leakage and allow the pool to circulate for a few minutes. On a cartridge filter, clean the cartridge thoroughly and install it after checking for any winter damage. On a sand filter, turn the pump off, move the multiport handle to the "Backwash" position, then turn the pump on for 30 seconds. Next, turn the pump off and move the multiport handle to the "Rinse" position. Turn the pump on for 10 seconds. Turn the pump off again, and move the multiport handle back to the "Filter" position. **Always move the multiport handle clockwise.**
11. Add 1 lb. of granular shock per 10,000 gallons through the skimmer to super chlorinate pool. Then add 1 qt. of algaecide per 20,000 gallons around the pool perimeter.
12. Replace the ladder or steps, accessories, and all safety equipment.
13. When the water is clear, backwash the sand filter or clean the cartridge in your cartridge filter again, then vacuum the entire pool.