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**OPENING INFORMATION FOR INGROUND FIBERGLASS POOLS**

**1) REMOVE POOL COVER**

SOLID COVERS: REMOVE DEBRIS FROM TOP OF THE COVER.

WHILE DRAINING YOUR COVER (USING A SIPHON OR COVER PUMP), YOU MUST ADD WATER TO THE POOL WITH A GARDEN HOSE AT THE SAME TIME. DRAINING WATER FROM THE TOP OF THE COVER ACTUALLY TAKES WATER OUT OF THE POOL AND CAN CAUSE THE POOL TO FLOAT OUT OF THE GROUND SO MAKE SURE YOU FILL THE POOL AT THE SAME RATE AS YOU DRAIN THE COVER.

DRAIN AND REMOVE WATER BAGS. REMOVE COVER.

LOOP LOC COVERS: SIMPLY REMOVE SPRINGS FROM CONCRETE ANCHORS. REMOVE COVER. THREAD ANCHORS BACK DOWN INTO CONCRETE.

**2) FILTER**

MAKE SURE ALL PLUGS FOR THE FILTER TANK, MOTOR/PUMP, HAIR & LINT POT, POOL SWEEP MOTOR/PUMP, ETC ARE WRAPPED WITH TEFLON TAPE OR PERMATEX. (PLUGS WITH ORINGS DO NOT NEED TEFLON.) REINSTALL AND TIGHTEN THESE PLUGS. REPLACE SIGHT GLASS, PRESSURE GAUGE, HAIR & LINT POT BASKET AND ANY OTHER ITEMS REMOVED FOR THE WINTER MONTHS.

**3) HEATER**

REINSTALL DRAIN VALVES AND PRESSURE SWITCH. MAKE SURE HEATER IS CLEAR OF ALL DEBRIS. PRIOR TO LIGHTING HEATER, GAS SUPPLY WILL HAVE TO BE TURNED BACK ON.

**4) RETURN FITTINGS AND SKIMMER**

REMOVE WINTER PLUGS FROM RETURN FITTINGS, STEP JETS, AND FROM ALL OTHER FITTINGS. REINSTALL RETURN EYEBALL AND ITS PARTS.

REMOVE GIZZMO FROM SKIMMER. REINSTALL SKIMMER BASKET AND WEIR. OPEN GATE VALVE FOR BOTTOM DRAIN AND ANY OTHER CLOSED VALVE IN THE SYSTEM.

**5) VANTAGE CIRCULATION SYSTEM**

CENTRAL CIRCULATION POD: REMOVE WINTER PLUGS FROM POD. REPLACE CONTROL MODULE INTO POD.

LEAF CANISTER: REMOVE GIZZMO AND THREADED EXTENSION FROM LEAF CANISTER. REPLACE BASKET.

**6) OTHER ACCESSORIES**

REINSTALL LADDERS, HANDRAILS, DIVING BOARDS, ETC.

**7) POOL CLEANING AND PRIMING PUMP**

ACCESSORIES SUCH AS HEATERS, AUTOMATIC VACUUMS, ETC. SHOULD NOT BE OPERATED UNTIL THE POOL IS IN GOOD OPERATING CONDITION.

POOL WATER SHOULD BE AT NORMAL SUMMER FILTERING LEVEL.

REMOVE AS MUCH DEBRIS AS POSSIBLE FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE POOL WITH A LEAF RAKE.

PRIME FILTER BY FILLING HAIR AND LINT POT WITH WATER. START FILTER IN BACKWASH POSITION.

BACKWASH YOUR FILTER. FOR MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY, CLEAN YOUR SAND, EARTH OR CARTRIDGE FILTER WITH STRIP KWIK FILTER CLEANER.

THE START-UP CHEMICALS YOU ADD TO YOUR POOL WILL VARY ACCORDING TO THE CHEMICAL PROGRAM YOU ARE CURRENTLY USING. PLEASE CONTACT US FOR THIS INFORMATION. THE CHEMICALS YOU WILL NEED ARE AVAILABLE AT OUR THREE STORE LOCATIONS.

VACUUM YOUR POOL. BRING IN A WATER SAMPLE (AFTER INITIAL CHEMICALS HAVE CIRCULATED) SO WE MAY ANALYZE YOUR WATER.

**8) BRING A SAMPLE OF YOUR POOL WATER INTO THE STORE EACH MONTH FOR A FREE WATER ANALYSIS!**

THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS ONLY A GUIDE AND GENERAL IN NATURE. PROCEDURES WILL VARY DEPENDING UPON INDIVIDUAL POOL SET UP AND EQUIPMENT. REFER TO INSTRUCTION MANUALS FOR DETAILED INFORMATION.

**WE HAVE A POOL OPENING SERVICE - CALL FOR DETAILS**