

Inground Pool Opening Instructions

Poly Cover (Tarp) Removal:

1. Start by siphoning the water off of the cover with either a garden hose or cover pump. Refill the pool water at the same time by pumping the water from the cover into the pool, or, by refilling with your faucet/garden hose. This is necessary as the weight from water on the cover has forced water out of the overflow fitting. When all of the water is off the cover, the pool level should be at operating level ($\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up the skimmer faceplate).
2. Remove all of the leaves and debris from the cover using your leaf net or leaf rake.
3. Empty all of the water from the water tubes and roll them up to store.
4. Remove the cover; wash down and dry as best you can (do not let the cover dry on the lawn as it will burn the grass).
5. Fan fold the cover and store with the water tubes.

Safety Cover Removal:

1. Remove the springs from the anchors with your installation/removal tool.
2. Take the cover off of the pool; fan fold and store in the mesh bag (hanging the bag will help the cover dry faster and potentially keep critters from getting to the cover).
3. Remove all of the brass inserts in the deck.
4. Hose or vacuum out the anchor holes and lightly spray the inserts with WD-40 or a silicone spray.
5. Reinsert the anchors, turning down completely with the hex head tool.

Pool & Filter Start-Up Instructions:

1. Remove all winterizing plugs from the returns.
2. Remove Gizzmos from the skimmers.
3. Replace directional eyeballs, skimmer baskets, ladders, and handrails. **Make certain ladder bumpers are on tightly.**
4. Replace the plugs in the pump housing and tighten all unions (don't forget your salt generator and heat pump, if applicable).
5. Install the pressure gauge, sight glass, and filter drain plug.
6. If the filter cartridges/grids were removed in the fall, reinstall in the tank and follow the manufacturer's instructions.
7. Prime the pump, tighten the pump lid, and start the filter system.

Sta-Rite Cartridge Filter:

1. Reinstall your clean cartridges.
2. Tighten the side clamps and bottom drain plug
3. Leave the air relief open until all of the air is expelled (once water starts coming out of the air relief), then tighten the air relief.

Sand & D.E. Filters:

1. You may need to backwash and rinse several times to catch a prime in the pump (visit our "'How-To' Help" page on our website www.snyderpools.com and use the "How do I backwash?" link specific to your filter for backwashing instructions).
2. Return the multiport handle to the "Filter" position and start the pump. If using a D.E. filter, add the required amount of diatomaceous earth (visit our "'How-To' Help" page on our website www.snyderpools.com and use the "How much D.E. do I add to my D.E. filter?" link for correct amount of D.E.) through your skimmer.
3. Note your pressure gauge reading (remember to backwash again when your pressure gauge reading increases by 10 psi). Backwash for one minute and rinse for 30 seconds, then return the multiport handle to the "Filter" position (**always turn multiport clockwise**). If using a D.E. filter, add the required amount of diatomaceous earth through your skimmer.

Water Chemistry:

1. Super chlorinate the pool water with 1 lb. per 10,000 gallons of Super Shock-It, and add 1 qt. of EZ-Clor algacide, or, 8 oz. of EZ-Clor Mustard Algae Plus per 10,000 gallons (if the pool has algae).
2. Let the pool run for at least 24 hours and then bring in a water sample to the retail store.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE: D.E. filter tanks are fitted with a band clamp, and cartridge filters are fitted with knobs; all must be secured prior to starting the pump. High pressure built up in the tank could cause the tank to separate and blow apart. A loose clamp could cause permanent injury or death.