



INSTALLING YOUR WINTER COVER

General Procedures

Your [winter pool cover](#) is designed to rest on the top of your pool water. It is important to keep the water level of your pool consistent during the winter, as damage to your winter cover and accessories can occur if the water level rises or drops during the winter. One of the first things you want to do before you close your pool is to make sure that your pool is not leaking.

It is also important to protect your [winter cover](#) wherever you can. It is recommended that you cover any hard surfaces, rough edges, or sharp corners that could cause damage to your winter cover. Once cover is installed, it is important that it fits snugly on your pool. If your cover is too loose when installed, wind damage can occur to the cover if wind gets underneath the cover causing it to flap or billow.

Covering an Inground Pool

- Check to make sure your [winter cover](#) will be supported by your pool water, and be sure that it is not in direct contact with any sharp, rough, or abrasive surfaces.
- Lay the cover over the pool. Spread the cover evenly over the pool and set it into the position you want in for the winter.
- Lay your unfilled [water bags](#) directly onto the outside perimeter of the cover. If your cover has water bag loops, insert the unfilled water bags into the loops. Your [water bags](#) should cover the entire perimeter of your pool to make sure wind cannot get underneath the cover. Flapping or billowing of your winter cover due to wind can cause serious damage to the cover.
- Once your water bags and cover are set in position for the winter, you can fill your water bags to secure the cover. If you live in an area of extreme winters, fill your water bags only $\frac{1}{2}$ full to allow room for ice expansion.

Covering an Above Ground Pool

- Check to make sure your [winter cover](#) will be supported by your pool water, and be sure that it is not in direct contact with any sharp, rough, or abrasive surfaces.
- Spread the [winter cover](#) on the ground. Thread the cable through the metal gromets. Make sure that the cable remains on the outside of the cover, except for between the gromets.
- Insert one end of your cable through the hole at one of the ends of your cable winch, and into the center spindle. Secure the cable by rotating the spindle a few times. Insert the other end of the cable into the opposite end of the [cable winch](#), and pull the cable through the spindle as far as it will go.
- Before you pull the cover onto the pool, make sure your water level is lowered to the appropriate level, and your ice equalizer pillow is secure and in place. Pull the cover over the pool forming a loose pyramid over the [ice equalizer](#). Let the pool cover rest on the water surface all the way around the ice equalizer. Make sure that the cover fits snugly around the pool water to prevent wind from getting underneath and damaging your winter cover. Pull the end of the cover over the pool wall and tighten the cable winch until the desired fit is achieved.