

2018 Pool Closing Instructions

Please record the week and month you selected on the 2018 closing form.

Option selected: 1, 2

Week Selected: Aug. 27 – 31, Sept 3 - 7, 10 - 14, 17 - 21,
Sept 24 – 28, Oct 1 - 5, 8 - 12, 15 - 19, 22 - 26

* Closings after **October 26th** will not be warranted and will be subject to an additional \$100.00 charge.

* We will e-mail you one week in advance so you can respond with a confirmation.

Pool Preparation & Instructions on All Pool Closing Options

1. Continue to operate your pool normally by keeping the pool clean and chemically balanced. Our staff does not clean or add chemicals to your pool at the time of closing. Do not fill your chlorinator with tablets during the last few weeks prior to closing. Any leftover tablets cannot be reused and we cannot dispose of chlorine tablets.
2. Tredway Pools Plus suggests the owner shock their pool, add maintenance algaecide, and Scale Inhibitor 12 to 48 hours prior to closing. Please bring a water sample 2-3 days prior to closing for chemical recommendations.
3. **A. If your pool has vinyl over stairs, an automatic cover or if you have had problems with wrinkles in a liner in the spring, even if you have been told to do so in the past, do not lower your water level.**
B. If your pool has a Lock-In or Tarp cover; please lower your water level just below the skimmer opening. To lower the water level, turn off the skimmer(s) at the pump inlet so the pump is drawing water only from the main drain, roll out your backwash hose, turn off the pump and set your filter valve to waste, turn the pump back on and the pool will drop quickly usually within 10 to 20 minutes depending on your pool size.

Site Preparation

We will need access to the following: the pool and equipment area, a fresh water spigot, an electrical outlet, and a storage area for your pool equipment which will be removed.

Post-Closing Instructions

If you have a pool cover and are planning to install it yourself select Option 1 closings only. Plan to install it as soon as possible after we close your pool. Leaves and debris that fall in the pool after closing are difficult to remove and consume the chlorine and chemicals that will help keep the water clear throughout the winter.

*If you have a cartridge filter, the filters **MUST** be removed and chemically cleaned and treated before or at the closing. This service is not included in Tredway's closing procedures, but if you would like Tredway to perform this service please note it on the closing form.

Winter Pool Maintenance

1. A vinyl liner is held in place by the weight of the water on top of it. **You will need to remove any water off the pool cover periodically throughout the winter. Otherwise, the water has to be removed all at once** right before opening the pool. This will release some of the weight that holds your liner in place. Without the correct amount of water on top of the liner it can float which causes wrinkles to form that have to be professionally removed. This also increases the amount of water that needs to be added in the spring.
2. Never allow your pool water level to go above the top of the liner or over the walks.
3. When pumping water off of a cover or from a pool, always discharge the water at least 30' away from a pool to a storm drain or downhill from your swimming pool. ***Never discharge waste water next to the pool or pool deck.*** Check your pool water level weekly throughout the winter. While pumping water off your winter cover, add water to pool if necessary. (Water levels differ depending on type of winter cover you have. Specific water levels are found in the following information).

Winter Cover Care

Automatic or Retractable Solid Covers

Keep all water and debris off your pool cover during the course of the winter. The accumulation of water on your cover disables the safety feature and can cause severe damage to your cover and mechanism. While the cover is on, the water level in your pool should not be lower than normal operating levels to support the cover.

Lock-In or Solid Winter Covers

Keep the water level on top of the cover pumped between 3" to 6" deep. Water that accumulates deeper than 6" can pull your cover into the pool and will cause irreversible damage to your cover. While the cover is on, the water level in your pool should be between 8" to 12" below the cover, and no higher than 6" below the top of the pool to support the cover.

Mesh Covers or Loop-Loc Safety Covers.

Do not attempt to pump the water off of a mesh cover! Place a submersible pump on the pool stairs underneath the cover to maintain the water level in the pool at least 10" below the cover.

While the cover is on, the water level in your pool should be between 15" to 18" below the cover, and no higher than 10" below the top of the pool to support the cover.

Pools with Perimeter Drains or Sump Pump Pits

Most pools constructed by Tredway Pools after 2005 have a perimeter drain which removes moisture surrounding your pool. This drain terminates either into a sump pit covered by a concrete lid or gravity drains to a low point in the yard. If you have a sump pit, after heavy rains, especially in the fall and spring; open this pit and see if there is more than 6" of water. If so you will need to pump the water out using a submersible pump. If you have a gravity system all you need to do is make sure the end of the tile is clear of dirt and debris.