

Winterizing Your Hot Tub or Swim Spa

Your PDC Spas hot tub/swim spa has been designed to be used year-round and it is certainly suggested that you enjoy the many benefits of your spa purchase in any season. However, if you should decide to not use your spa during the winter months, it must be cared for properly to avoid damage. During those months of shutdown, we recommend the unit being checked periodically to assure no water is entering the unit causing potential freezing resulting in damage. Your warranty does not cover this type of damage, both structural and operational.

Winterizing must be complete prior to seasonal freezing temperatures.

1. Lower temperature set point to lowest setting.
2. Turn off at circuit breaker, open air controls and jets, drain completely using drain valve and sump pump if needed. Should a low level of water remain in the unit and reach the drains, freezing and damage may occur.
3. Remove filter cartridges and all cabinet panels to access equipment.
4. Loosen pump unions and winterizing plug from face of pump. Replace plugs after all water has been cleared from the unit.
5. Use a wet vacuum or 'Shop Vac' in blowing mode to remove all water from return and suction lines.
6. In a LX/Luxury Series hot tub equipped with the Air'assage™ design, you will need to remove water from the air channel. Turn power back on, turn "bubbler" on for several minutes to spray out water. Wipe out spa, repeat as necessary.
7. Use the wet vacuum to pull all water from jets. You may choose to use a non-toxic RV type anti-freeze to assure freeze prevention. Be sure to read the manufacturer's instructions and remove ALL anti-freeze prior to spa use.
8. Replace all cabinet panels.
9. Cover the unit with hot tub/swim spa thermal cover, lock in place to protect from snow, ice and wind.
10. The weight of snow has the potential to break the cover allowing moisture into the hot tub. Remove accumulated snow as needed and consider wrapping with a tarp to prevent moisture from entering the spa.



Storing the Hot Tub or Swim Spa

1. Should you choose to not use the unit in any season, always use the thermal cover. Do not allow, even if winterized, the unit to be without cover in freezing temps. If it will be exposed to these temperatures and not winterized, keep the unit filled and set to the lowest operating temperature setting to reduce heating costs during time of limited use.
2. The hot tub/swim spa shell is to never be unprotected and uninsulated during storage. Thermal cover and cabinet side panels must always be in place during storage.
3. Never use a clear plastic wrap or similar material to cover the unit. Never leave unprotected in direct sunlight as it can damage the acrylic and fittings, not covered under warranty.