

# POINTERS ON POOLS

## **Closing Time: Making A Pool Ready For Winter**

(NAPSA)—All good things come to an end, including enjoying your swimming pool. One rule of thumb is that it's time to close a pool when the leaves start to turn and the air temperature is consistently below 65° F.



**Be sure to cover your pool to protect it from leaves, dirt and debris in the winter.**

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Here are some other tips on closing your pool, offered by the experts at BioGuard:

- Conduct a final pool water test. Visit your local store to receive a quick, 10-minute computerized chlorine demand analysis.
- Thoroughly clean the filter. A dirty filter can cake and harden over the winter.
- With pump and filter on, add the appropriate amount of winter algaecide. Wait an hour, then add Winter Shock around pool edges. Keep the pump and filter on for another hour.
- Drain the pool, then add pool winterizing anti-freeze to pipes and equipment.
- Finally, cover your pool to protect it from winter winds, leaves, dirt and debris.

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