

When Closing Pools, Cleaners Need Special Attention

It's getting to be that time of year. And when you're closing pools for the season, automatic cleaners need some special attention.

Always follow the manufacturer's recommendations for care when closing. Unless otherwise instructed, we suggest the following procedures:

- Remove the cleaner from the pool and disconnect the hoses. Storage of the hoses should be straight, in the original container if possible. To avoid the "memory curl" on hoses they should never be coiled like a typical garden hose.

- Remove any peripheral fittings, such as a regulator device and skimmer adapter fittings. Dry the fittings and store them with the cleaner. A gallon-size sealable plastic bag will hold the fittings, and keep them free from dust and dirt during the winter storage.

- Remove the disk or seal from the bottom of the cleaner head and store it flat. Be sure the cleaner head is protected from damage.

- All of the cleaner parts should be protected from freezing in a cool, dry location. ■