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OPENING A POOL

1. First thing to do is to remove your cover. If there is any debris or leaves, remove that first as best as possible.
2. Pump off any standing water from your cover. Make sure you aren't pumping water from the pool itself by accident: this can happen.
3. After removing the cover, be sure to clean it, let it dry, and store for the season. We recommend using Baquacil Cover Cleaner. It cleans well, and allows you to even put your cover away still wet.
4. Remove any freeze plugs, Gizmo's and other items installed to protect against freezing and reconnect all of your hoses with clamps. Double check that they're plumbed correctly.
5. Fill up the pool with new water, back to a normal operating level or even a little bit higher.
6. If you didn't clean your filter chemically last fall, make sure you do it now! We recommend Baquacil Filter Cleaner if you're on a chlorine system or Baquacil.
7. Now start your filter system up, being sure to prime the pump before starting the motor. I normally backwash at the start as well.
8. Check for any leaks in your hoses, plugs, and clamps.
9. Check the pool water itself. Hopefully it's just as clean and clear as when you closed it. If there is any debris, remove with a net or similar tool of your choice as best you can.
10. Dirt, Sand, Algae, and other small debris should be vacuumed to waste.
11. Once your pool is clean, we can worry about water chemistry.
 - **DO NOT** just throw a bunch of chlorine into the water. We don't want to damage your liner.
 - Give your pool 24-48 hours to circulate and filter-backwash as often as needed.
 - After that test your water thoroughly and add chemicals in the proper order to correct your water balance. We highly suggest bringing us a water sample to test for pH, total alkalinity, calcium hardness, etc. Be sure to follow the procedure they describe to avoid damage to your pool's surface.
12. Install handrails, ladders, etc. being sure to inspect them for wear and damage. If you apply car wax to the stainless steel rails it will help protect them from corrosion.