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## Warm Up Your Pool this Winter

### Product of the Month



When the weather cools down, the pool is often forgotten. But it doesn't have to be the case with the right type of heating. With so many options available, you're sure to find **the right heating solution to meet your needs and budget.**

Pool heating is the best way to extend the pool season and even enjoy it all year round. There are **three main types of pool heating including solar, gas and electrical heat pumps.**

### How to Clean your cell

Salt Cells require cleaning to prevent calcium deposits from building up & preventing the production of chlorine.

*"Follow these simple steps to clean your salt cell"*

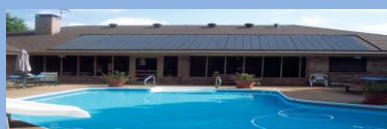
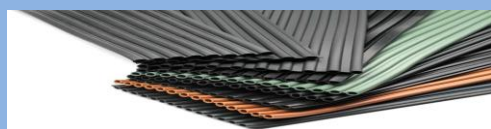
- Remove cell from chlorinator housing
- Pour Saf-T-Cell into a plastic container
- Immerse the cell into the container for around 10-15 minutes
- Heavily crusted cells may require further treatment. Never use any metal implement to dislodge calcium.
- Reinstall salt cell



**Solar heating**, a common choice for pool heating is a great, **cost effective option that uses the energy directly from the sun** to heat the pool or spa. Due to its reliance on weather conditions, solar heating is most utilised and efficient in the warmer months. Solar heating is perfect for those looking for a heating system which allows for a warm pool during the periods when people most want to swim.

For those wanting to extend the swimming season beyond the warmer months **gas and electrical heaters** are great options to consider. **The major advantages of gas heaters** are their ability to heat water quickly, on demand and with greater temperature control. Gas heaters use natural gas or LPG to provide direct and continuous heat from a flame to the pool or spa. Gas heaters are suitable for virtually any pool or spa and can be used for both indoor and outdoor applications.

**Electrical heat pumps** also provide great flexibility. Heat pumps operate similar to an air conditioner; they remove heat from the air and transfer it to the pool or spa. Heat pumps are extremely energy efficient and have low running costs. When the time comes to purchase your heating solution we've got you covered with a range of pool heating products on offer from leading brands. **With solar, gas and electric heat pumps all available, there's definitely a heating option to ensure your clients can enjoy their pool all year round.**



## Winter Pool Tips to Winterise your Swimming Pool



Now that winter is coming, the temperature is falling, it is time to prepare your pool so it survives the winter season and is ready to be used when the warmer weather returns again. One of the most important aspects in preparing your pool

for the colder weather is to prevent problems such as build-up of algae. The following procedure will ensure a clear, algae free Pool.

### Chemicals Required for this Procedure

Winteriser Algaecide  
Starver (Phosphate Remover)

### Procedure

- Balance your pool water correctly.
  - Take your pool cleaner out of the pool (Automatic, Suction, pressure or Robotic Pool Cleaner)
  - Take the vacuum plate out of skimmer box.
  - Clean your Pool Filter. If you have a sand filter, simply Backwash it.
  - If you have a cartridge filter, remove the filter element and clean it. Note: Cartridge filter cartridges should be de-greased.
  - Place the filter in the filter position and turn the system on.
  - Add Starver to the pool to assist with the removal of (Algae Food) phosphates from the water. Note: Pool water may turn white if the concentration of phosphates is heavy, as it is killing the phosphates instantly.
  - Pour Winteriser Algaecide into a bucket, mix with water and disperse around the pool. Note: When applying Winteriser Algaecide bubbles on top of the pool water may occur.
  - Run the system for 24 hours and then for 8 hours per day for one week.
  - Backwash or clean cartridge after 1 week.
- Change your running times for your pool for winter to 4-6 hours per day. If you own a salt chlorinator, chlorine production levels need to be adjusted to a lower setting.

Retest your water

Winterising your pool does not mean that standard chemicals do not have to be applied. Regular filtering of the Pool Water still applies. A pressure gauge is your best friend when it comes to knowing how your water flow is passing through your system.

## Pool Blankets

### Why should you consider purchasing one?

The answer is that it will substantially increase the value and return on the investment you have made in your pool or spa by achieving the following;

\*Keeping evaporation to a minimum, you not only save water, but you also save on the cost of chemicals as you don't have to rebalance your pool after topping up.  
\*Blankets keep the pool cleaner – about 80% to 90% of debris is kept out of the pool.

\*Reduces pool heating costs by up to 50%. Effectively 90% of heat loss is from the surface of the pool.

\*Extend the swimming season. Even without other forms of heating on the pool, the addition of a pool blanket can result in a temperature increase of from 6-8 degrees in a pool that has a sunny aspect.



Contact our office today for your further information and pricing on Solar Blankets & Rollers.

Pool lights with globes should be switched on once a week to stop condensation build up. Non self-cleaning salt chlorinator cells need to be cleaned monthly with a Cell Cleaner. Pools with blankets should have the blanket taken off the pool once a month to allow used chlorine gases to escape and for you to visually look at the bottom surface of your pool and check cleaners. Some salt chlorinators may show low salt levels on the power box. This can be caused by cold water causing low conductivity and salt may not need to be applied. Always have your Water Professionally Tested before adding Salt to the Pool as too much Salt can cause damage to the Salt Cell.