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Cover up for winter benefits

Product of the Month



Algae Knock-Out

Originally developed for ALL types of algae, Lo-Chlor Alga Knock-Out is now widely known as the No. 1 treatment for stubborn algae strains in pebble pool and ageing pool surfaces.

Features & Benefits

- Use in ALL types of pools
- Effective against blue-green, black spot and mustard algae
- A favourite for pebble surfaces and ageing pool surfaces
- Especially popular with salt chlorinated pools
- As well as disintegrating the algae cells, the increased detergent action (foaming) assists in releasing the clinging algae crusts from the pool surface
- 1 Litre Treats 50,000 of Water

A few facts from the professionals

- The product may foam and smell for up to 10 days.
- Reduce pH to 7.2 for best results



Why pool covers are a pool owner's best friend

Winter is around the corner, and pool owners are looking for ways to *keep their pool warmer, cleaner and free from harmful bacteria*. Having a pool cover installed is one of the best ways to achieve this – plus the benefits can last a lifetime!

What benefits can a pool cover offer?

In a nutshell, pool covers can *save you time and money*, and *reduce your impact on the environment*. Check out these awesome benefits:

Reduce evaporation: Did you know *the average pool can lose up to 100 litres of water every day just from evaporation?* A pool cover can *help reduce this loss of water by up to 97%*, meaning you don't have to waste time topping up the water in your pool nearly as often.

Minimise heat loss: If your pool is heated, keeping the water at the set temperature is key for anyone looking to use their pool all year round. Evaporation is the major source of heat loss for all swimming pools - *minimise this by covering your pool at night and during the day when it is not in use*.

Improve water cleanliness: Approximately 80 – 90% of debris, (leaves, dirt, insects, etc.) can be kept out of the pool with the aid of a well-fitted pool cover. This also increases the quality of your pool water and *significantly reduces the workload on your pool cleaning system*.

Reduce chemical use: Sunlight can destroy the chlorine that keeps your pool water free from harmful bacteria. Therefore, *utilising a pool cover will reduce this affect and eliminate the need to add more chlorine*.

Get more out of your pool: Fitting a pool cover *can extend your swimming season even without other forms of heating*. It can increase pool temperature by up to 6 – 8C in pools with a sunny aspect.

How do I get one?

Donemans Pool Centre offers a variety of pool covers and rollers. Drop in to our pool superstore to check out the range, or call us to find out more about pool covers and which type would best suit your needs.

Taking Care of Your Pool in the Winter

With *the cold winter months upon us*, the thought of sunny days spent in the pool may seem light years away. But summer will be here before you know it, and your family swimming pool will be back in action. Taking care of your pool during the winter months is *the only way to ensure your pool will be ready for action* when the weather starts to heat up. *So how do you care for your swimming pool in the winter?*

Preparing for the Season

Like hibernating animals gathering food for the coming cold, most winter prep for your pool will take place before the cold weather hits. If you're not planning to use the pool at all during the winter, you'll be "*winterising*" your pool *in preparation for the season*. The first step involves a thorough cleaning of your pool. You'll want to *scrub the tiles, walls, and pool floor*, helping to prevent any algae build up from forming. Make sure to get into all corners and crevices of the pool and *remove all leaves and other debris*. *Cleaning of your filter and other pool equipment is also highly suggested*, to keep these items working in top order and better equip them to handle the coming weather. It is recommended to *cover your pool* using a pool cover or pool blanket during the winter. This *keeps the pool protected from debris falling in and also minimises water evaporation*. The cover should be lifted and aired out periodically during the winter to help reduce algae formation.

Give it the Winter Treatment

Before settling your swimming pool down for its long winter's rest, perform some *water testing to ensure the chemicals are balanced*. You'll want to *make certain the pH and alkalinity of the water are at appropriate levels*. Testing kits can be purchased from Donemans Pool Centre, and you can contact us with any concerns about chemical imbalances. A *shock treatment* may also be a good choice for your swimming pool. A shock treatment involves *giving your pool a very large dose of chlorine* boosting its cleanliness and health for a longer period. Lastly, *a quality algaecide* should also be added to the pool water as this will *aid in preventing unwanted algae growth*. While adding these chemicals to your pool, be sure to run the filter for a few hours, to ensure the chemicals are spread evenly throughout the water.

Continued Winter Maintenance

During the winter months themselves, you won't need to spend a great deal of active time maintaining your pool. However, the *filter should be run for several hours each week* to keep the water from growing too stagnant, and to keep chemicals flowing properly. Additionally, you *should perform water tests every few weeks* to ascertain that the chemicals are still at the correct levels. Following this simple plan of winter maintenance is a breeze, so when the temperatures rise and the bathing suits come out, *your pristine swimming pool will be ready for you to take that first swim of the season*.



Enjoy the simple life.

**think smart for longer life
how to avoid equipment loss**

As the peak of the swimming season is slowly fading with the cooler weather, the pool equipment however still has to do its job. It is a well-known fact that **the pump and filter are the heart of any pool** and is paramount to *filtration, circulation and water treatment*, and it needs down time too!

As the demand on the pool starts to fade, the workload of the equipment can also be reduced. **Regular maintenance is an essential element to increasing the life of any pool equipment.**

Now is **the perfect time** to do have one of our **Qualified Service Technicians inspect your Filtration Equipment** and avoid any costly "break down" charges.

Wouldn't you want your pool & equipment in pristine condition for the start of the summer season?



Did u know?

Knowing how to read your pool filter pressure gauge & what to do if it's not reading right can save you time & money. *Most filters come with a pool filter pressure gauge*. It's the gadget that *reads the amount of pressure building up inside the filter*. Understanding this device is pivotal in keeping your pool healthy and safe. You should get into the habit of *checking your pressure gauge once a week*.