# **Hot Tub Winterization Guide**

Winterizing your hot tub is a crucial maintenance step that protects it from the damage that can be caused by freezing temperatures. This guide provides detailed steps on how to safely and effectively prepare your hot tub for the winter months.

#### When To Winterize

Timing is everything when it comes to winterizing your hot tub. The best time to start the winterization process is in the late fall, before the first freeze. Depending on your local climate, this typically means:

-In northern regions: late September to October -In temperate regions: October to November -In southern regions where freezes are rare but possible: November to early December

Always monitor your local weather forecasts for freeze warnings to ensure your hot tub is winterized in

## **Preparation:**

Schedule your winterization process before the freezing temperatures set in. Ensure that all necessary tools and materials are available.

## **Step 1: Power Off**

Turn off the power to the hot tub at the circuit breaker.

## Step 2: Drain The Tub

Open the drain plug and attach a hose if necessary to direct the water away.

## **Step 3: Clean The Tub**

After draining, clean the interior with a suitable non-foaming cleaner. Rinse thoroughly to remove any residue.

# **Step 4: Filter Maintenance**

Remove, clean, and dry the filters before storing them in a dry place.

# **Step 5: Blow Out The Jets**

Use a wet-dry vacuum to blow water out of the jets and plumbing.

# **Step 6: Cover Maintenance**

Clean the hot tub cover with vinyl cleaner. Apply a conditioner to protect against winter weather.

# **Step 7: Loosen Fittings**

Slightly loosen any pump or heater fittings to prevent cracking during temperature changes.

## **Step 8: Antifreeze Application**

Pour non-toxic plumbing antifreeze into the drains and pipes.

# **Step 9: Secure The Cover**

Place the cover over the hot tub and secure it to protect from debris and weather.

# **Step 10: Regular Inspections**

Periodically inspect the hot tub to ensure the cover remains secure and no issues arise. **Note:** Always consult your hot tub's manual for manufacturer-specific instructions.

