How to winterize your Spa

Not planning on using your spa over the winter? It is essential to take certain precautions when winterizing your spa in order to protect against damage due to freezing and the weight of snow and ice on your cover.

1. Disconnect the spa of its electrical hookup.

2. Drain spa completely either by using the drain valve located on the left side of the spa or by using a submersible pump in the foot well of the spa. Ensure all possible water has been drained.

3. Remove all filters from their housing, clean and disinfect for springtime use. Store in a clean dry area during the winter.

4. Remove all jets, clean and disinfect for springtime use.

5. Vacuum all remaining water using a "wet-vac" in the following areas:
    a. Each jet housing
    b. All suctions located in the foot well
    c. Inside the filter housing
    d. All seats and foot well of spa

6. Remove front access panel, completely unscrew both white unions on either side of each pump (2 per pump) as well as both unions on either side of the heater. Vacuum inside all water lines that were connected by these unions as well as inside the heater barrel and inside all pumps.

7. Unscrew and uncap drain valve and vacuum out any remaining water. Leave cap and drain inside in a dry place with your filters.

8. If your spa is equipped with a blower system, reconnect your spa and turn breaker on. Turn blower on and run it for 2 minutes to blow out any remaining water in these lines. Turn off blower and disconnect spa. Vacuum again any water that was blown out.
9. Using a common household funnel, pour Pool or RV antifreeze into each opening in the spa, including jet housings, filter housing and air injector jets(only if your spa is equipped with a blower). You should be using approximately 2 full containers of 4 liter antifreeze to ensure the protection of your spas pipe work. When you have used enough antifreeze, the liquid should be coming out of the ends of the hoses, next to the pumps, showing that the antifreeze has completely covered the inside of the hoses ensuring protection over the winter.

10. Thoroughly clean the spas shell interior including the spas cushions with a mild detergent. Rinse well.

11. Insert a block of Styrofoam in the middle of the spa to help support the spa cover during times of high accumulation of snow and ice.

12. Close spa cover, wrap entire spa with a strong tarp and secure with ropes or bungee cords.

13. During the winter, be sure and delicately remove any accumulated snow and ice to avoid any unnecessary weight on your spas cover.

The Winterization Process has to be done properly in order to protect your spa against winter elements and freeze damage. It is important to know that any damage done to your spa due to freeze damage or an inadequately executed winterization WILL NOT be covered under the Manufacturers Warranty. Each and every step explained in this document must be followed in order to ensure a successful winterization. When in doubt, please contact your local MAAX Spas Dealership or hire a professional to perform the winterization on your spa. Should you have any questions regarding the winterization of your spa, please call one of your Customer Care Representatives or your local MAAX Spas Dealership.