



Spa winterizing procedure

Note: Carefully read this entire document before proceeding with the closure of your spa.

In order to avoid unpleasant surprises, please check with your insurance company to make sure that your spa is insured. If you choose not to make optimum use of your spa and prefer closing it for the winter, we suggest that you continue to maintain it until the time of closure and have a complete test of your water done in one of our two superstores or six branches. Keeping the water clean longer helps minimize the accumulation of dirt and the formation of bacteria, thereby preventing any risk of contamination. To protect equipment against freezing and to maintain clear water, never turn off the filter system prior to winterizing the spa.

1) PROCEDURE:

- First, run pumps and pour 2 cups of bleach into the spa, let the pumps run for one hour. (Warning: pumps will shut off automatically after 20 minutes, so don't forget to restart them periodically).
- Disconnect the power supply to the pumps, the lights and the ozone generator. Do not disconnect blower if you have one.
- Empty the spa using one of the following methods:
 - By gravity, with a draining hose
 - By gravity, using a vacuum hose
 - With a submersible pump.
- Remove cartridge(s) and rinse with clean running water. Let them soak in **CARTRIDGE CLEANER** for 12 hours, as per the product's instructions. Rinse, air dry and store for the winter. If the cartridges are no longer any good, make sure to note all relevant information (such as model number) and photograph the cartridges before discarding them.
- Remove all adjustable jets Leave headrests in place.
- Clean the shell with a mild soap, such as liquid dishwashing soap.
- Make sure that the guillotine valves are open (located on either side of the heating element as well as in front of the pump(s)).
- If your system is equipped with In.Clear, refer to section "**CLEANING YOUR IN.CLEAR**" below.
- If your spa has a blower, let it run for an hour.

2) DRAINING THE PIPES

Your pipes need to be fully drained in order to avoid any damage during winter. There are two ways to do this :

- **If you are using a Shop-Vac-type vacuum cleaner:** Vacuum water out of the skimmer holes as well as all jet holes throughout the spa. It is also important to vacuum water out of the drainage pipe so that no water remains in the pumps.
- **If you are using a blower:** You should connect the blower to one of the skimmer holes and close all valves on top of spa, except for one. Start the blower. When no more water comes out of a station, close its valve and open another one. Repeat procedure for all valves. If you have a second hole in your skimmer, connect the blower to this second hole and repeat the above procedure. We also suggest that you vacuum each jet as well as the drainage pipe so that absolutely no water remains.

3) WINTERIZING

- Switch off GFCI breaker outside and breaker on main panel inside.
- Dry off the shell.
- Pour non-toxic antifreeze into each skimmer hole until antifreeze starts coming out through the drains inside the spa. Add another 1/2 cup of antifreeze into each jet.
- Clean your spa cover with **COVER CLEANER** and allow to dry. Apply a coat of wax to keep leather hydrated throughout winter. Position cover on top of spa.
- Cover your spa cover with a sheet of plywood so that the cover is entirely protected (only the cover, not the skirt).
- Cover your spa with a sheet of polyethylene and ensure that it is well attached to make it through the winter. Leave a space between the polyethylene sheet and the spa skirt to avoid moisture build-up.

4) CLEANING YOUR IN.CLEAR

- Disconnect the In.Clear and unscrew the joints on either side of the cell. Remove the cell from the spa.
- Install the rubber ring and plastic screw on the threaded end of the cell. Screw thoroughly.
- Place the cell in vertical position in a plastic bucket, with the closed end at the bottom. Pour LECTRA CLEAN into it until the electrodes are covered. Let stand for 15 minutes and pour product back into bottle for future use.
- Remove rubber ring and plastic screw, then rinse the inside of the cell with clean water.
- Reposition cell under spa and carefully screw it back into place on either side.