



SANDY'S POOL SERVICE, LLC

Property News & Updates

FALL 2008

DID YOU KNOW???

- Pool Closing has several steps?
- Closing dates can be requested on our website.
- Filters left in trash cans ARE NOT TRASH.

SPS thanks you for allowing us to meet your pool service needs this year!



SPS POOL CLOSING PROCESS

Each year, we are asked several questions regarding our closing procedures at your swimming pool. The following information will hopefully give some perspective as to what can be expected this fall.

Your pool may be closed down in several steps over the closing season.

Step 1 CLOSING: On the closing date requested, a technician will arrive at your property, post POOL CLOSED signs, turn off your pump, heater and may stack your furniture and drain your water **no more than 18"*. They will also remove your filters, and begin the end year treatment process (more on this later).

Step 2 WINTERIZING: The winterizing crew will arrive and fully winterize the pool. This includes blowing out the lines, adding antifreeze and storing all appropriate items for the winter.

Step 3 FILTERS: During the closing (step 1) your filters will be removed from the system (if applicable) and placed in a large trashcan for their year end treatment. **THESE ARE NOT TRASH—PLEASE DO NOT THROW THEM AWAY!** They make soak anywhere from 5 days to 3 weeks. Typically, once all pools are winterized, route techs will make their way back through, giving the filters their final rinse and storing them for the winter.

**Each fall, we receive several calls regarding the water depth left in the pool prior to winterizing. The fact is that swimming pools shall not be drained to more than 18" from deck level. If the pool is drained more than 18", the warranty is voided on winter safety covers.*

If you have any questions regarding the closing process, please call Kristy at 614-464-7936.

Request a CLOSING DATE or Other Services at www.sandyspoolservice.com

The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act... Will It Affect Your Property?



Swimming pool entrapment issues have been all over the news as of late, and it's no wonder. It used to be that older built pools were "grandfathered in" apart from some of the newer entrapment laws. Due to an increasing number of entrapment injuries / deaths, this will no longer be the case. President Bush has signed an act that will require ALL pools to be compliant with ASME/ANSI A112.19.8M Standards in order to operate in 2009.

In simpler terms, what does this mean?

All public swimming pools must have two (2) lines of defense when it comes to entrapment:

- All public swimming pools must have compliant main drain covers. Some of these main drain covers are designed to not allow a "vortex" to form above the main drain, which could increase entrapment risk. All main drain covers will need to be ASME/ANSI A112.19.8M compliant.
- All public swimming pools with only one (1) main drain will be required to install a second method of entrapment defense. This *may* need to come in the form of a vacuum limit safety switch. This safety switch will automatically turn the pump off or decrease suction from the main drain if the vacuum pressure is increased (indicating that something or someone is stuck to the drain). Or, worst case scenario, be required to do major pool restoration and install a second main drain. However, the Ohio Department of Health has NOT made their final decisions as to what will be the approved second line of defense for these swimming pools.

What is Sandy's Pool Service, LLC doing about this?

- SPS has started replacing main drain covers this spring with ASME/ANSI A112.19.8M compliant covers and will continue to do so during the 2008 closing season and the 2009 opening season.
- SPS has been in constant contact with the Ohio Department of Health and are pushing for a decision to be made as soon as possible.
- SPS will notify affected properties AS SOON AS something is decided by ODH as to next steps that will need to be taken.

If you have any questions regarding anything you read in this newsletter, please contact Kristy at 614-464-7936 or kristy@sandyspoolservice.com