



Our Pool Court, Groundhog Day, February 2nd, 2023.

ABOVE-GROUND POOLS

HOW DOES YOUR POOL LOOK TODAY?

It is important to be aware of how your winter cover is sitting on your pool at this time of the year.

The winter cover on our Pool Court pool sits flat across the lowered water level and is almost flush against the inside walls of the pool. You see the wall bags hanging down in the pool to help keep the cover from being wind-whipped.

SPRING HOUSEKEEPING FOR THE ABOVE-GROUND POOL OWNER

Assess your through-wall fittings

Leaking through-wall fittings will cause premature rot of your steel wall. Through-wall fittings include: the skimmer, the return jet fitting, a pool light, or any other pool feature cut through the steel wall of your pool. If you see evidence of a problem, please contact our Service Department for help. The repair is done while the pool water is at the winter water level.

Assess pooling water around your pool's structure

Be aware now where the frozen puddles are in your yard to correct drainage problems this spring. Puddling water shows where the ground is saturated. The ground is like a sponge and the winter freeze will heave the ground in these low-lying areas. Heaving ground around the pool base may cause the uprights to lift and put the pool frame out of level. Come the spring thaw things don't always level back out.



Through-Wall Fittings - Return

Skimmer

WATER ON TOP OF YOUR WINTER COVER

Our southern Ontario weather gives us 'freeze, thaw, freeze' weather all winter long.

If you choose to pump water off your winter cover while in a thaw cycle, be careful that the cover is not left sinking down into the pool. The winter cover may have holes or material pin-holing. These issues allow pool water to be drawn through the winter cover while pumping off the dirty water which will inadvertently have you lowering your pool water level.

It is important to keep the winter cover fully secured until Opening Day. The pool opens cleaner when the dirty water and clean water are kept separated.

If you have questions about how your pool or pool surroundings look today, please email us and include a picture to service@thepoolshoppe.ca.