



Beaded Cover - Our Pool Court, Groundhog Day, February 2nd, 2023.



Water-bag cover, Peter's Pool, February 8th, 2023.

BEADED & WATER-BAG COVERED 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. You can see on our pools shown above how the winter cover sits flat across the lowered water level and is almost flush against the inside walls of the pool.

WINTER COVER STORAGE & HOUSEKEEPING

Beaded covers

- Whether vinyl or poly-woven, these covers are rolled and to be stored wet. Ideally, submerge in a barrel filled with water and algacide. If this is not possible, store in a cool place away from rodents and insects
- Be aware of the age of your beaded cover; the material or beading will shrink with age. We find this style of cover lasts from 4-6 winters before it no longer fits in the track all around or the cover material becomes brittle

Water-bag covers

- Are rolled and tied. Store in a dry place safe from rodents and insects
- There are many grades of poly-woven covers in the marketplace now; from Canadian-made to off-shore materials. We find this style of cover will last anywhere from 2-6 winters before the material may fail due to rot or pin-holing

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 dirty water which will inadvertently have you lowering your pool water level.

IS YOUR WINTER COVER STILL SECURE?

Beaded cover is still in the track?

It is important to keep the winter cover fully secured in the track until Opening Day. There are different products to be used to hold the cover in place. If you have struggled with the cover out of the track or it is currently out now please send us a picture. The pool opens cleaner when the dirty water and clean water are kept separated.

Water-bag cover is still secure all around the deck?

Flat bags need to be replaced to keep the cover up on the deck all around the pool. The pool opens cleaner when the dirty water and clear water are kept separated.

SUMP WELL

Was your pool built with a sump well to control ground water around your pool? Check your well often and pump water when necessary, especially during periods of snow melt or rain.

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