



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

## SAFETY-COVER POOLS

### HOW DOES YOUR POOL LOOK TODAY?

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

See the photo of our pool court pool. There is a slight sag and the puddle is caused by the cover resting on water below the cover.

### POOL OPENING & WATER CLARITY

As the safety cover does let rain/snow water and fine debris pass through the cover material, we urge safety cover pool owners to open their pool early in the spring. An April or very early May opening will allow for a faster clearing and clean up of the pool. When left to mid-May the pool water will be quite turbid; late May it will be very green or black.

Our traditional 2-trip Pool Opening will not necessarily leave you with a clear pool however, it will leave you with the pool well on its way to clearing. The pool will need continued attention after we leave. If you require help to continue the clearing process please let us know. The return visit(s) will be at a nominal, additional charge.

### 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 from your pool during a thaw cycle, please do not consider this until the threat of snow weight has passed. The pool's winter water level is what supports/floats the ice and snow load weight that may accumulate on top of the winter cover.

### SAFETY COVER HOUSEKEEPING

Manufacturers suggest you store the cover in the supplied bag. Let the cover drain of water after opening and store in a shed or garage. The goal is to prevent any rodent or insect damage

### Is your cover now over 10 years old?

It could be time to consider a new cover. Homeowners with pets or small children will want to ensure they don't have a false sense of security with an old cover and straps.

### 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](mailto:service@thepoolshoppe.ca).**