

This Winter Don't Let Small Problems Become Big Problems

When you are closing your vinyl liner pool this fall, we urge you to take some time to inspect your liner. There are a few, small, inexpensive steps you can take to avoid BIG, expensive problems in the spring.

1. **Make sure that your liner is fully snapped into the track.** If you have a spot that looks like it is coming out or has already come out of the track, snap it back in. Leaving these spots to “worry about next year” can cause big problems. Once it starts to come out, it can continue very quickly around the perimeter of the pool. This can cause your liner to need to be reset or possibly cause your liner to become damaged beyond repair. If you cannot snap it in yourself, call us and one of our qualified technicians can do it for you.
2. **Make sure that your water chemistry is balanced.** Having your water chemistry balanced is very important to the lifespan of your vinyl liner. If your water chemistry is not balanced when you close your pool, it could damage your liner over the winter, causing it to shrink up, fade, and eventually tear. We have a full lab in our retail stores that will test your water for free and let you know what you need to completely balance your water.
3. **Do you have small tears or holes?** Small tears and holes can be patched if caught quickly in some cases; in other cases, even a patch won't hold. Then, you can have a small tear grow very large and cause water to enter behind the liner over the winter. This could possibly cause floor damage, which can be very costly on top of the price of the new liner.
4. **Do you have a groundwater system?** If we installed a groundwater system to keep your liner from floating as a result of excessive ground water, make sure your pump is functioning properly. This will ensure that you are ready for the fall and winter rains.
5. **Winterize your equipment.** Make sure that you properly winterize your equipment to prevent possible freeze damage.

If you know that you need a new liner, don't wait until spring. Fixing the problem now will give you peace of mind over the winter and allow you to open up in the spring to a nice pool instead of a costly nightmare. We will be happy to come out and give you a free quote on replacing your liner, just call our Renovation Department at 901-853-6197 or email srhodes@memphispool.com and we will schedule an appointment. Be Proactive! It can save you money and frustration!