Winterizing Your Spa - Preparation

- 1. Turn power off at the GFI Breaker.
- 2. Open the drain in lower corner of spa. Either drain your spa from the spa drain with hose attached to it, or drain with a submergible pump.
- 3. Open all jets (but do not remove them)
- 4. Remove all diverters from their housings
- 5. Remove filters and filter bleeder knobs
- 6. Loosen pump unions on back of pumps. Remove pump bleeder knobs.
- 7. Disconnect circulation pump and leave it disconnected throughout the winter

Wet Dry Vac

- 1. Begin at the lowest points in spa and work your way up. Vacuum out each of the above items. (You could take out up to 15 gallons of water).
- 2. Empty wet-dry vac and reverse it to blow through each of the above
- 3. Return to suction mode and vacuum up any water left on seats or floor.

RV Anti-Freeze

- 1. Reconnect Pump 1 (main jet pump)
- 2. Pour ½ gallon into each filter cannister
- 3. Run Pump 1 for less than 1 minute, or until anti-freeze begins coming out of the jets. Do not run pump for longer than 1 minute.
- 4. Leave some anti-freeze on seats and floor where it sits. This will prevent ice, that forms over the winter, from sticking to the spa shell in those spots.
- 5. **Throw a tarp over the spa cover** and weigh it down with 1 gallon jugs of water in each corner. Expect 2-3 inches of ice to form on the floor of spa over the winter.

Opening Your Spa in the Spring

- 1. Remove the tarp
- 2. Reconnect the circ pump
- 3. Reconnect other pump unions. Put pump bleeder knobs back in.
- 4. Close drain valve
- 5. Fill spa through filter cannisters. ½ through each side.
- 6. Turn power back on and activate both jet pumps.
- 7. Watch for leaks or things you may have forgotten put back in place.
- 8. When spa is operating properly, add 1 cup of liquid bleach and run keep running both jet pumps for ½ hour.
- 9. When water is clean and clear, add sanitizer and enjoy.

Knowing how to winterize a spa properly can mean the difference between an easy, hassle free process of getting back in the water come spring, and unexpected difficulty. No one wants to invest in a hot tub at home only to find out they failed to take the necessary steps to keep it looking and running great.