



Winterizing Tool for Splash SuperPools

The Winterizing tool from Splash SuperPools was designed to resolve the number one question our customer service department receives each season. “It’s fall, and I need to winterize my pool, but this water is freezing. I’m not getting in this pool to put this winterization plug in. How do I do it without getting in the pool?”. Now you can insert the winterizing plug from outside the pool.

You will need a 4’-5’ section of common PVC pipe in ½” diameter. This is easily attainable at Home Depot, Lowes, or any other home improvement center.

Inserting a Winterization Plug

Step 1: Insert PVC pipe into the winterizing tool. (Image #1)

Step 2: Find the screw hole in the side of the winterizing tool. Using a 1/8” drill bit, drill a pilot hole through the PVC. (Image #2)

Step 3: Insert #8 x 1-1/4” stainless steel screw that is included with your winterization tool, and tighten with a #2 Phillips screwdriver. (Image #3)

Step 4: Attach a winterization plug to the tool by pressing it into the slots of the tool. The winterization plug will stay in the tool allowing you to insert it into the wall fitting. (Image #4)

Step 5: Make sure the Splash skimmer is removed from the pool. *(At the end of these instructions we will give you a tip to make that portion much easier)* Standing at the corner of the pool where your skimmer was located, you can reach over the side and guide the winterizing plug to the wall fitting at the bottom of the pool. (Image #5)

***Pro Tip:** Place your foot on the ball valve end and push it down. This will make the inside of the wall fitting point more in the upright position, which will make it easier for you to line up the threads. If you choose not to do this, you can still insert the winterizing plug, but you will have to reach out a little bit further to line up the threads. You don’t want to cross-thread the plug, or it won’t screw all the way down to the O-ring, which seals it.* (Image #6)

Step 6: Start screwing the plug in using the PVC. Reminder to make sure you don’t cross-thread it. It will take approximately three rotations to make sure the plug is fully seated.

***Pro Tip:** At the end of the PVC, use a Sharpie and draw a line that will allow you to know how many rotations you have made. Even better, draw the line so that it lines up with the alignment marks on the winterizing tool. You will see a line on each side of the tool that aligns with the slots. This is for aid in removing the plugs and doesn’t apply to insertion.*

Step 7: Try to visually confirm the winterization plug is seated correctly. (Image #7)

Removing a Winterization Plug

Step 1: Standing at the corner where the plug is located, use the alignment marks on the sides of the winterizing tool to line up the slots on the tool with the slots on the plug. (Image #8)

Step 2: Press down firmly to lock the plug into place in the tool.

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Step 3: Unscrew the winterization plug until it’s free for removal. Cold water tends to make PVC parts very

uncooperative when trying to screw them in, or remove them. You may find it necessary to use a set of large pliers to assist in turning the PVC handle. This can be done on the section of PVC that is not in the water.

Pro Tip: When you install your skimmer in the spring, only insert the bottom threads approximately 1- 1 ½ turns. You don't need to screw it all the way down on the threads. This is a suction point, so if the threads leak a little bit, it won't make a difference because the water is going into a suction point. By only inserting by one turn, it is MUCH easier to get out in the fall.

