



# HOW TO WINTERIZE AND DRAIN YOUR POOL EQUIPMENT (8 STEP PROCESS)





TOTAL BACKYARD SOLUTIONS

## HOW TO WINTERIZE YOUR POOL STEP BY STEP SUMMARY

To winterize a typical pool/spa equipment set, following the winterizing steps below.

\*Please note that this step by step tutorial covers the majority of our equipment, but not all. Please adapt and if you still have issues submit an online winterizing service request.

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### STEP 1

Turn off all power in the breaker box located at the pool equipment.

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### STEP 2

Identify if pool equipment is above or below pool. If below, turn red or blue shut off valves.

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### STEP 3

Open all air relief valves/spigots on the filters and pumps to release pressure.

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### STEP 4

Remove all pump lids (and leaf canister lids if applicable).

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### STEP 5

If you have a cleaner booster pump, remove drain plug that is located in front of the pump under the plumbing pipe.

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### STEP 6

Unscrew drain plugs on all pumps and filters.

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### STEP 7

If you have a heater remove all plugs under the front header (located where the plumbing pipes go in and out of the heater).

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### STEP 8

Remove lid from your in-line chlorinator. Flip lid over and set on top of the chlorinator.

# TOOLS NEEDED



1. **Channel Locks- 20 inches or more**
2. **Pliers**

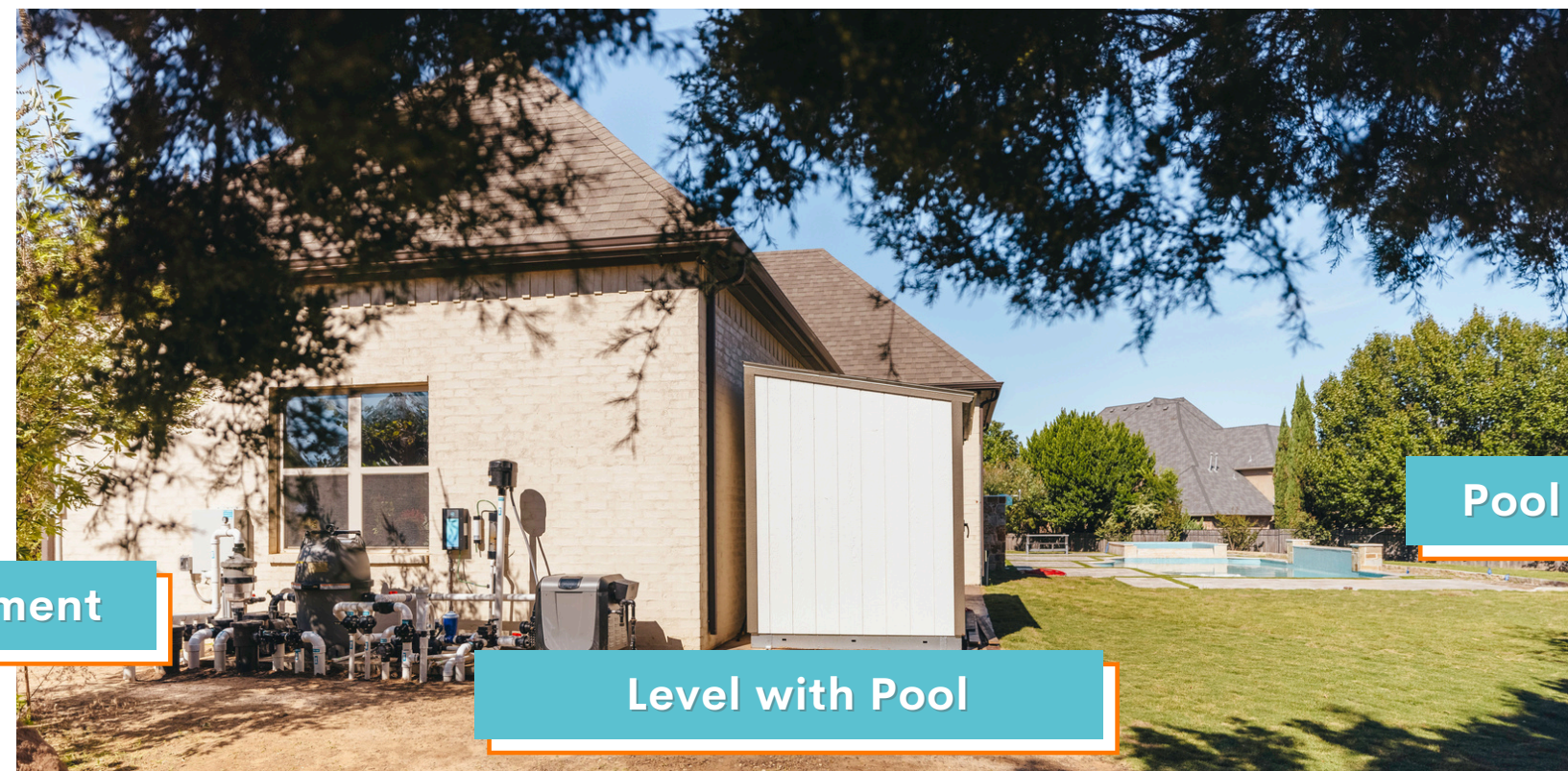
# STEP 1

**Turn off all breakers at pool equipment.**



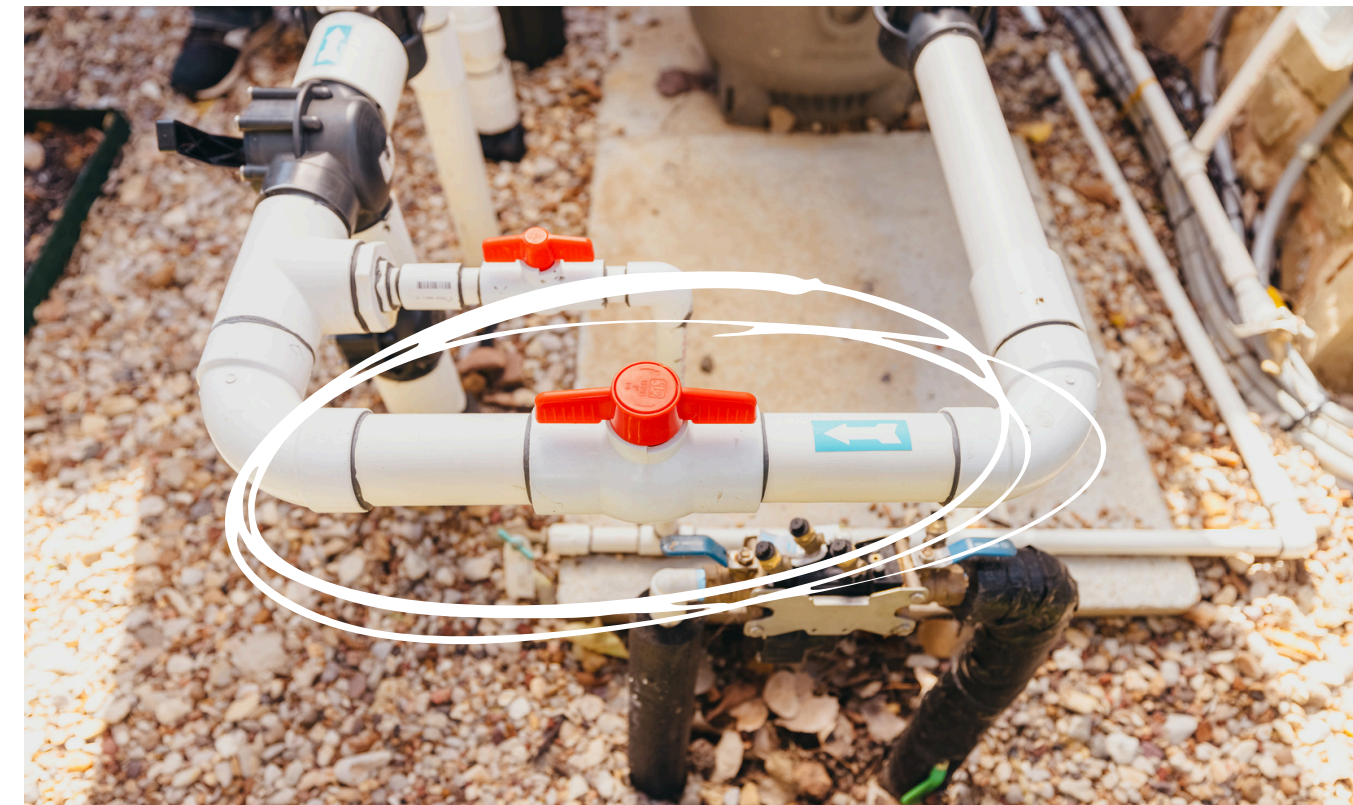
# STEP 2

Identify if your pool equipment is below or above your pool's water level.



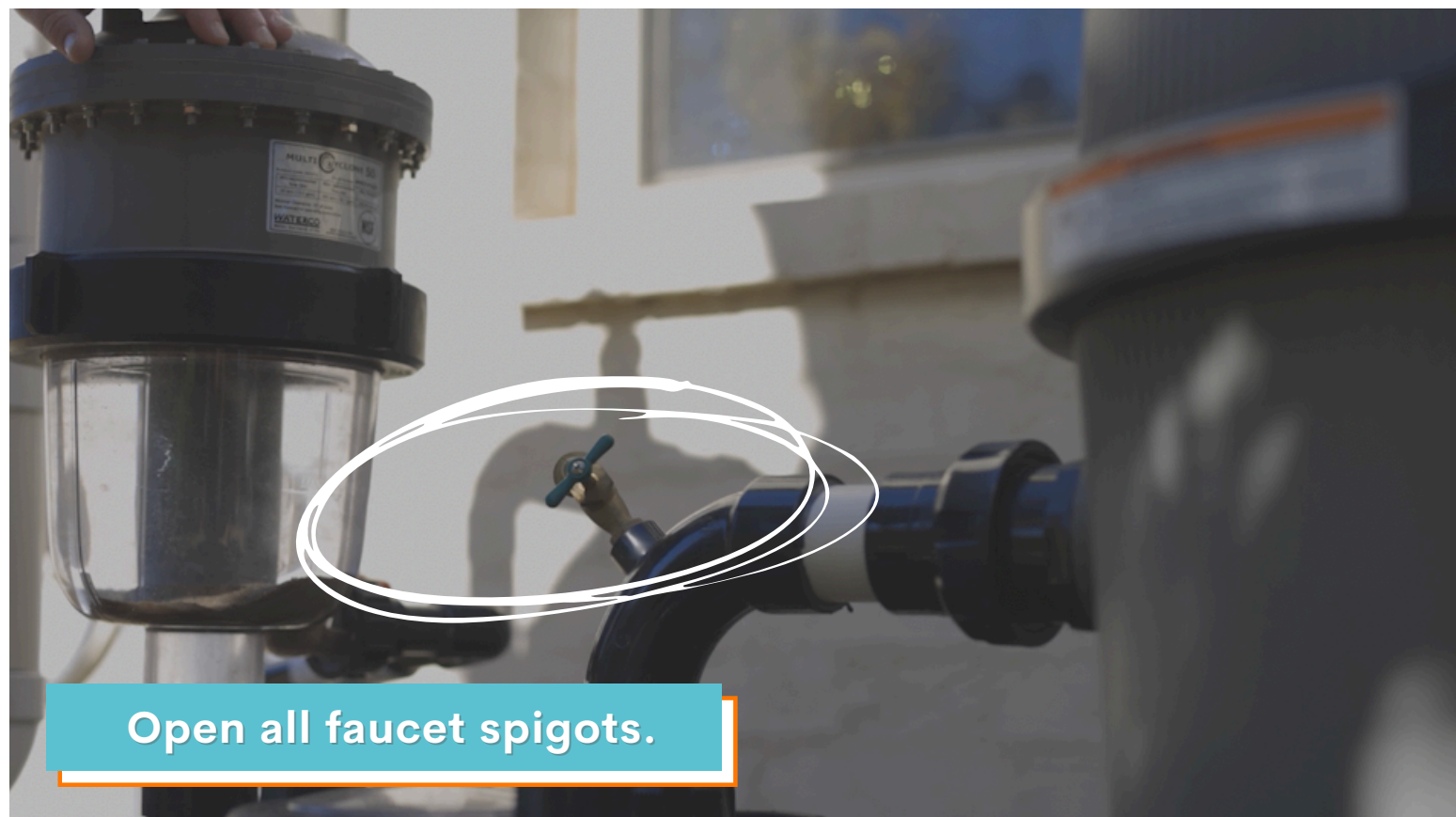
# STEP 2

If your pool equipment is below your pool's water level turn all **LARGE red ball valves** off before removing any drain plugs from your equipment.



# STEP 3

Open all faucet spigots, and undo the air relief on top of the filter.



# STEP 4

**Remove all lids from leaf canisters & pump baskets.  
Flip the lids over and set them on top of leaf canister or pump basket.**






# STEP 5

**Remove drain plug from booster pump.  
After removing, place plug into main pump basket for safe storage.**



# STEP 6

Remove drain plug from your pump and filter. Each pump has 2 drain plugs. After removing, place plugs into main pump basket for safe storage.



Remove both drain plugs from pump and filter.



Use Channel Lock- 20 inches or larger to unscrew Filter Drain Plug.



Place plugs into main pump basket.

# STEP 7

**Remove drain plug from your heater.  
After removing, place plug into main pump basket for safe storage.**



# STEP 8

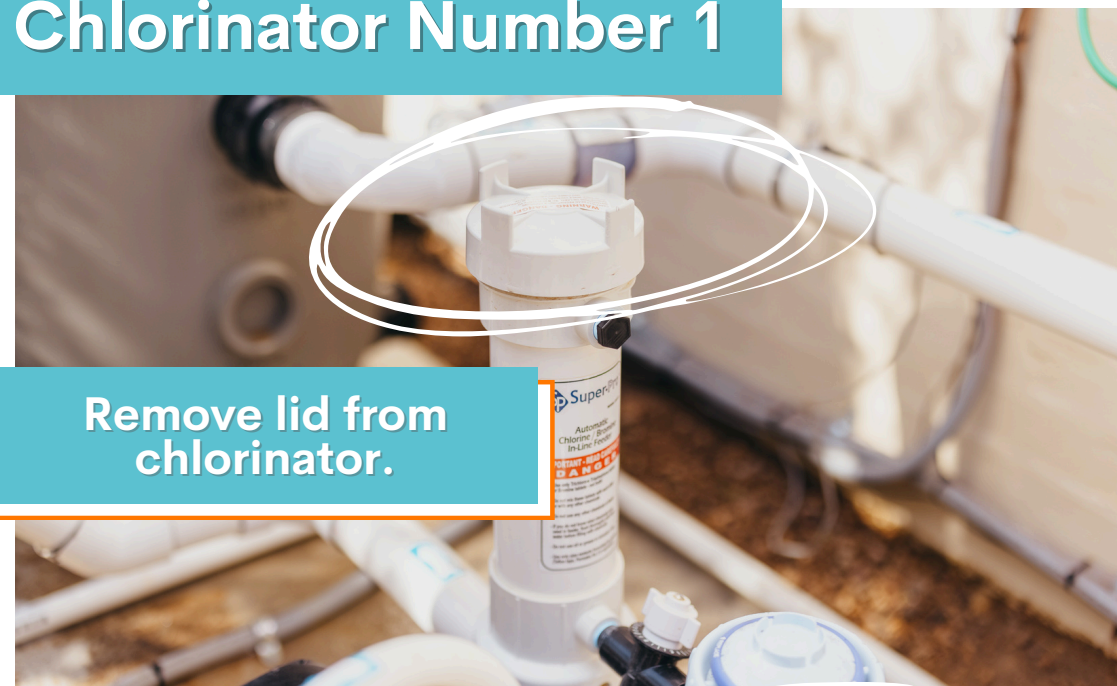
You may have one of the three Chlorinators.  
If number 1, Remove the lid from your in line chlorinator.

Flip lid over and set on top of the chlorinator.

If number 2, unscrew drain plug and put into main pump basket.

If number 3, unscrew drain plug from the bottom of unit and put into main pump basket.

Chlorinator Number 1

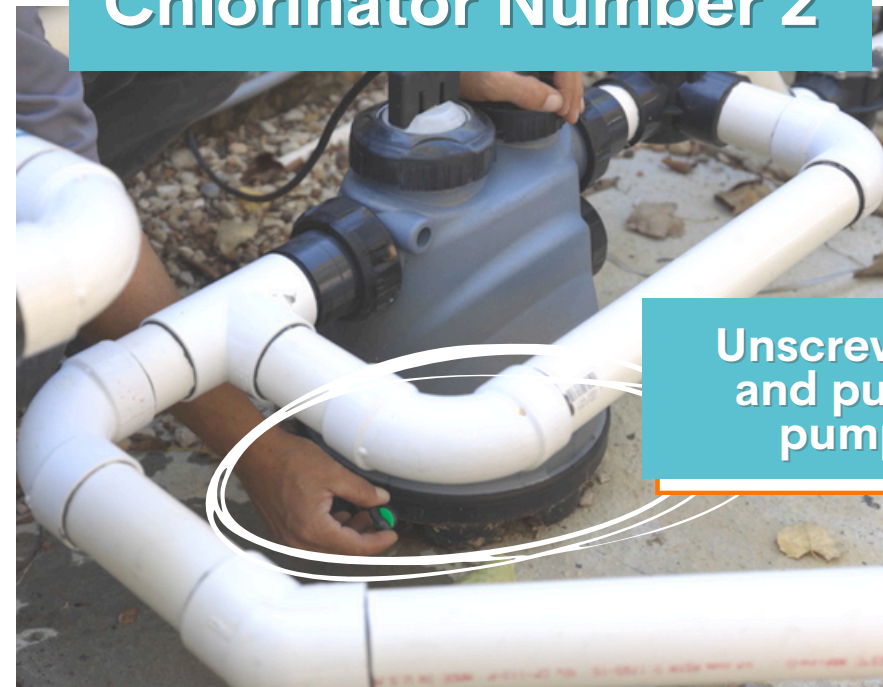


Remove lid from chlorinator.

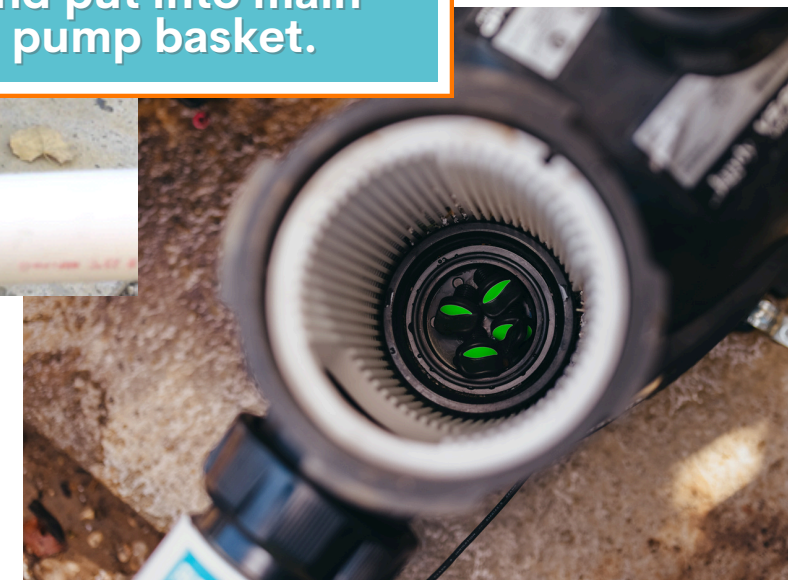


Flip lid over and set on top of the chlorinator.

Chlorinator Number 2



Unscrew drain plug and put into main pump basket.



Chlorinator Number 3



Unscrew drain plug from the bottom of unit and into main pump basket.

# ADDITIONAL TIPS + TRICKS

- **Once winterized, place heavy blankets over the entire equipment set that has been winterized for additional protection**
- **If ice begins to form on the pool or spa, carefully use a shovel to break it up. The more solid the top layer of ice gets the more likely structural damage will occur to the tile line and plaster material from pressure.**
- **Do not use a space heater or any other form of combustible heat on the equipment set.**
- **NEVER DRAIN THE POOL.**

