

Spa closing procedure

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➤ **PROCEDURE**

1. Add 2 cups of bleach to the water and run the spa for 1 hour.
2. Remove cartridges from the skimmer and rinse with clean water. Clean cartridge with **Trévinergie CARTRIDGE CLEANER**. As indicated on container, soak in bucket for 12 hours, rinse and let dry. Lightly brush the dry cartridge.
3. Turn spa thermostat down all the way.
4. Disconnect the pump, light and the ozonator connections, but not the blower connection.
5. Connect a garden hose to the drain valve and open the drain valve completely.
6. Drain spa by gravity.
7. When the water level is half-way up the bottom drain, stop the motor.
8. Remove the rest of the water using a plastic pail.
9. Store the jet pump indoors. (Pumps closed by a Trévi technician can remain in place, given the use of special winterizing equipment.)
10. Remove all inside jets; headrests, however, must remain in place.
11. Drain the pipes using a Shop-Vac type vacuum cleaner or blow out the water by letting the blower run for 1 hour. Wipe up any remaining water in the spa and disconnect the blower.
12. Turn off both the outside breaker (GFI) and the breaker in your home (panel).
13. Make sure that the valves located on either end of the pipes remain open.
14. Clean acrylic surfaces using a special acrylic cleaner.
15. Pour **TRÉVI ANTI-GEL** non-toxic antifreeze in the pipes to overflowing.
16. Install the spa cover on the spa.
17. Place pieces of plywood over the spa cover. Do not cover the skirt.
18. Make sure everything is secure enough to withstand winter conditions.
19. Cover the spa with a well-secured polyethylene or vinyl sheet.
20. If your cartridges need replacing, note the model number before discarding them.
21. Disconnect the salt system, clean the cell using **LECTRA CLEAN** degreaser for no more than 5 minutes and place in storage.

Important note: Do not forget that the spa cover can sustain a maximum weight of no more than 100 lbs. You will need to remove accumulated snow regularly in winter.

Nature spa closing procedure

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1. Never empty your spa without checking for water under the shell. Use a stick to determine the water level under the shell—a special location is provided for this purpose. Do not skip this step! If you register more than 30 cm (12 inches) of water, contact us before continuing. We will explain what steps need to be taken. Failure to check for water under the shell may result in your warranty being void, and upward pressure on the drained shell can, at worst, cause it to pop out of the ground.
2. You must drain your spa completely. You can do so using either:
 - a submersible pump;
 - the system pump.If using the system pump, turn off the GFCI breaker and insert the #10 plug into the skimmer to avoid draining the pump. Next, hook up a garden hose to the small white valve located next to the pump. Restart your spa. Open the white valve and keep it open until the shell is fully drained. If a "dr" or "flo" error code is displayed on the control panel, simply disregard. Restart the system if necessary.
3. Switch off the GFCI breaker.
4. Remove the filter cartridge and close the cover. Clean the cartridge with **Trévinergie CARTRIDGE CLEANER**. As indicated on container, soak in bucket for 12 hours, rinse and let dry. Lightly brush the dry cartridge.
5. Drain the pipes using a Shop-Vac type vacuum cleaner or blow air through the system to remove all water. Switch the GFCI breaker back on to operate the blower for 1 hour. Be sure to open the cascade valve in order to empty out all water in the pipes. If your spa installation is permanent, empty out the drain line in the same manner. Wipe out any water remaining in the spa. Be sure to completely drain all pipes to avoid winter damage. Once this step is complete, switch off the GFCI breaker.
6. Unplug the unit.
7. Unscrew the screws on the lid of the Power Pak and carefully disconnect the wire on the lever and on the light. Replace screws.
8. We recommend that you store components in a heated location. Leave red valves open to let all components dry.
9. Remove the skimmer basket and the plate under the skimmer (if any). Remove plug (#10) in the bottom of the skimmer, pour in a half-gallon of anti-freeze and then replace plug.
10. Clean all leaves off the shell to prevent stains and damage to the surface.
11. Unscrew the grate on the main drain (Philips screwdriver) and store it with the motor.
12. Pour anti-freeze into the main drain and insert plug (#13).
13. Unscrew grates covering jets and remove central part, if any. (A rubber glove can be worn to facilitate this task.)
14. Pour a small amount of pool anti-freeze into the jets. Insert (#11) rubber plugs into jets and tighten butterfly screws. Unscrew the front section of your cascade waterfall and use a funnel to pour some antifreeze into the pipes. Screw cover plate into place.
15. Place a polyethylene cover over the bottom of the shell to protect the surface from leaf stains and other damage during winter.
16. Fill water up to 2.5 cm (1 inch) below the jets in the seatbacks, which is to say approximately 15 cm (6 inches) above seats. If you wish, cover the unit with a tarp or a polyethylene cover (available anywhere in 3 m x 3.6 m / 10 ft. by 12 ft. sizes or larger). Doing so prevents fall rains from increasing water levels in the shell. Be sure to prop up the middle of the sheet using an inflated beach ball.
17. Protect the surface of the electronic controls with a secure waterproof cover, held down by a bag of soil or sand.
18. Check that all valves potentially exposed to frost are open but covered with plastic bags to keep away rodents and other pests looking for a winter home.
19. Periodically check water level in shell to ensure that this level does not increase.