

SEASONAL CHECKLIST

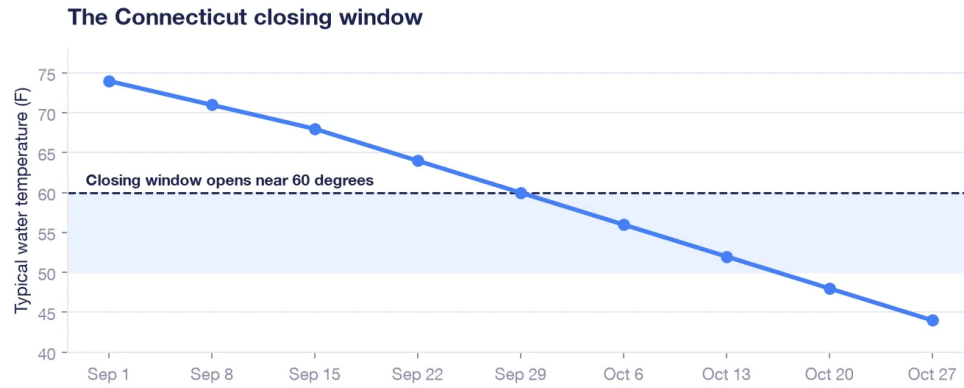
The Connecticut Pool Closing Checklist

Timing, chemistry, the eight-step sequence, and the fall inspection walk that catches what winter would grow.

Inside: the timing rule, the eight steps, and the walk that saves a spring repair

First, the timing rule

Close when water temperature holds consistently below about 60 degrees, usually late September into mid October in Connecticut. Temperature beats the calendar: close too early and warm water eats your winterizing chemicals, close too late and you gamble with a hard freeze on full lines.



Typical seasonal trend. Track your own pool; shoreline runs later than the northwest hills.

The eight steps, in order

- ☐ Balance chemistry while the pool is still full and circulating
- ☐ Brush, vacuum, and empty every basket
- ☐ Shock, let it dissipate, then add winterizing algaecide
- ☐ Lower water below the skimmer and returns, per your cover type

- ☐ Blow out skimmer, return, main drain, and feature lines, then plug them
- ☐ Add non-toxic pool antifreeze to the lines (never automotive)
- ☐ Drain pump, filter, heater, and chlorinator completely
- ☐ Install and tension the cover; plan to clear water and leaves all season

The fall inspection walk

While the water is down and the pool is being handled anyway, walk it once with this list. Anything you find now is a small fall repair. The same finding in April is a bigger job in a longer queue.

- ☐ Coping stones: any that rock, click, or move underfoot
- ☐ Expansion joint: gaps, cracked or hardened caulk, pulled edges
- ☐ Tile line: missing tiles, open grout, hollow sound when tapped
- ☐ Shell: any crack that changed since spring, or that catches a fingernail
- ☐ Water level history: did it drop faster than evaporation this summer?
- ☐ Deck: settled sections, puddling toward the pool, new cracks

Never winter over a known problem

Water reaching a shell, beam, or tile band all winter freezes and thaws dozens of times. That cycle is how a modest fall repair becomes a structural one by spring. If you found something on the walk, price it before the cover goes on.

Found something at closing? Call 860-256-9219.

GS Rose Construction handles fall repair, tile, coping, and resurfacing across Connecticut so spring opens finished. Estimates are free.