



SEASONAL SPA CARE BULLETIN

PROTECTING THE SPA SHELL

As per acrylic sheet manufacturer's instructions, it is essential that spa shells formed from ABS backed acrylic, which includes Saratoga Spas, always be covered with an opaque thermal cover when empty of water and when not in use. Left uncovered without water and with direct sun exposure, a spa's acrylic surface temperature can exceed the recommended continuous exposure limit due to radiant absorption of sunlight. This solar stress can exceed the material's physical limits and blistering will occur. At time of spa manufacturing, warning labels with this information are placed on the outside packaging of the spa and on the inside wall of the spa. This information is also found in the Safety Instructions and Spa Care sections of the spa Owner's Manual. Damage that occurs because of direct sun exposure is excluded from warranty coverage.

SUMMER AND WARM CLIMATE TIPS

A common issue in the portable hot tub industry during hot summer months is the spa's water temperature creeping up above the spa's set temperature (aka "thermal creep"). Saratoga Spas are engineered and built to efficiently retain heat. When ambient temperatures are hot, the spa is in an area with little shade or your spa cover and/or skirt is a dark color, it is difficult for excess heat to dissipate. Here are a few steps you can take to prevent potential thermal creep:

1. In the summer, lower the spa's set temperature below 100°F.
2. Adjust the filter cycle duration and run times to the morning or evening when outside temperatures are lower.
3. If equipped, program in a daily "no heat" cycle.
4. During the cooler morning or evening hours, open the spa cover to allow excess heat to escape from the water in the spa.
5. Call Saratoga Spa if you need further assistance.

WINTERIZING TIPS

If you will not be using your spa for the winter or for an extended period in any season, it is recommended to "winterize" your spa which will protect against accidental freezing. Here are a few winterizing tips:

1. A winterized spa must be covered with an additional tarp to avoid any water entry into the spa from thawing snow or ice.
2. Winterizing your spa offers protection for ONE winter/cold season only. Winterize the spa annually.
3. Contact a Saratoga Spa Dealer to schedule a winterizing service plan for protection against accidental freezing.
4. **Make sure the spa cover is in proper physical shape. This includes conditioning vinyl, the proper sealing of the cover over the spa shell and the condition of the cover's interior foam cores. Refer to your spa owner's manual for additional spa cover care.**