



Camp News

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Winterizing Camps

Camp season is coming to a close. If you operate an organized camp that closes after the summer season, it is important to winterize your camp grounds ensuring good working conditions when you return next summer. Some things to remember are squirrels seek warm climates for building nests, and rodents work at night to gather food and often gnaw on electrical wires, which can potentially cause fires. Winterizing your camp buildings against vector infestation is vital for healthy camp grounds and will keep unwanted pests out.

Here are some tips to prevent vector infestations during the time your camp is closed:

- Seal all entryways, cracks, openings, and holes in sliding doors, window screens, and areas around pipes.
- Practice good sanitation by cleaning up crumbs and spills around common areas.
- Store dry food in sealed containers and remove all food from camp before you close.
- Clean under counter-top appliances and large kitchen appliances before leaving camp.



Winterizing Pools

A successful pool winterizing can help prevent rust, moisture accumulation, and general deterioration caused by nonuse during off-camp season. As a reminder, rodents and insects can enter spaces around pools if necessary precautions are not taken.

The following are some tips to winterizing your pool:

- Balance the water chemistry.
- Remove cleaners, solar blankets, ladders from the pool.
- Drain all pumping, filtering, heating and chlorinating equipment.
- Clean the pool, even if it will not be used for a few months
- Pool covers are an effective way to help winterize a pool. The blankets must be secured from the sides to prevent wind from lifting them leaving the pool exposed.



If your camp has a swimming pool, remember to winterize it before leaving for the season.

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