

Pool and Spa Inspection Checklist

Signs

- All required signs are legible and are clearly visible from the pool deck.
- Whenever lifeguard service is not available, there is a sign stating "Warning - No Life Guard on Duty" in letters at least 4" high. In addition, the sign states "Children under the age of 14 should not use pool without an adult in attendance."
- There is a sign with a diagrammatic illustration of artificial respiration procedures.
- There is an emergency sign that states the "911" telephone number.
- There is a sign that states the maximum occupant capacity allowed in the pool in letters at least 4" high. Swimming pools = 1 per 20 sq. ft. of pool surface area. Spa pool = 1 per 10 sq. ft.
- There is a sign that states "No Diving Allowed" sign in letters at least 4" (if maximum depth is less than 6 ft).
- If there is a spa, there is a spa pool precaution sign.
- Every spa pool has an emergency shut off switch with a sign installed adjacent to the spa stating "Spa Emergency Shut-off Switch."
- If adequate deck and underwater lighting is lacking, a sign in letters at least 4" high is printed in a prominent location near the entrance to the pool/spa area stating "No Use of Pool Allowed After Dark."

Safety Features

- The drain cover is an approved model that can only be removed with tools.
- There is a readily accessible life ring with an attached rope of sufficient length to span the maximum width of the swimming pool.
- There is a readily accessible body hook permanently attached to a pole at least 12 ft in length.
- The stair handrail is secured and in good repair.
- The ladder, ladder step treads, and grab rails at the deep end of the pool are secure and in good repair.
- Underwater lights are in good repair and have ground fault circuit interrupter protection.
- Underwater pool lights are "on" while the pool is open for use after dark. If the pool is not separately enclosed, the pool lights remain on during entire nighttime hours.
- There are no deck obstructions.
- There are no trip hazards caused from deteriorating decking in pool area. All expansion joints between coping and deck are filled in.
- The pool fence enclosure is in good repair.
- The latching device of the self-closing and latching gate or door to pool area is at least 42" above finished grade.
- Unless all gates or doors are so equipped, at least one means of egress without a key for emergency purposes is provided and labeled with an "Emergency Exit" sign in letters at least 4" high.

Chemicals

- An approved pool water test kit that measures free chlorine residual and pH is used.
- A free chlorine residual of at least 1.0 ppm is maintained at all times.
- A free chlorine residual of at least 1.5 ppm is maintained at all times when cyanuric acid is used.
- The level of cyanuric acid is maintained below 100 ppm.
- The pH is maintained between 7.2 and 8.0.

Water clarity and general pool conditions

- There is no cloudiness: pool water is maintained in a clean and clear condition.
- There is no algae growth in the pool.
- The pool shell is white and not discolored.
- There is no dirt or debris in the pool.
- The waterline tiles are clean.
- There are no broken or missing pool tiles.
- There are no broken or unreadable depth marker tiles.
- There is no broken or missing coping.
- There is adequate skimming action in the pool.
- The water level is at the mid point of the skimmer opening.
- The skimmer weir assembly is not broken or missing.
- The skimmer diverter valve assembly is not broken or missing.
- Spa pool water temperature does not exceed maximum temperature of 104°F.
- There are no animals in the pool or in the pool area.
- The automatic chlorinator is functioning properly (chlorine tablets are not placed in the pool skimmers and floating chlorinators are not used).

Water circulation

- There is a minimum turnover rate: swimming pools = 6 hours, swimming pools built before October of 1982 = 8 hours, spa pools = ½ hour, wading pools = 1 hour.
- The pool recirculation system is operating at all times while the pool is open for use and longer if necessary to maintain clean and clear water.
- The recirculation pump is in good repair.
- The filter is in good repair.
- The filter is backwashed.
- An influent/effluent pressure gauge(s) is provided and in good repair.
- A flow meter is provided and in good repair.
- An automatic chlorinator is provided and in good repair.
- The automatic chlorinator is filled and operational.
- There is an indirect connection of the pool or its recirculation system with a sanitary sewer or drainage system.

Pool Facilities

- The pool equipment room is clean.
- The rest rooms are maintained in a sanitary condition and in good repair.
- The shower facilities are maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.
- The dressing rooms are maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.
- Showers and lavatories have hot and cold water, with a means of limiting the hot water to a maximum of 110° F.
- Soap in soap dispensers or containers are provided in showers.
- Soap in permanently installed soap dispensers, paper towels or hot air blowers, and toilet tissue for toilets is provided.
- The pool is fully accessible for inspection.

General operation

- If cyanuric acid is added to the pool, the concentration is measured and recorded at least once per month.
- A daily log of the pool operation, disinfection residual, pH and maintenance procedures is maintained.
- Adequate lifeguard service is provided.