



## Placer County Health and Human Services Department

### SWIMMING POOL AND SPA SELF-INSPECTION CHECKLIST

#### WATER QUALITY

- Chlorine maintained at a minimum level of 1.5 ppm with stabilizer, 1.0 ppm without stabilizer, but not to exceed 10 ppm.
- pH maintained between 7.2 and 8.0
- Cyanuric acid maintained below 100 ppm (*the lower the number the better 25-50 ppm*)
- Water clean and clear. Main drain(s) clearly visible.
- Pool/spa water test kit provided (*must have "DPD" test kit not OTO*).
- No algae growth in pool water, on sides or bottom, on tile, on suction and light covers.

#### SAFETY SIGNS AND LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT

- Signs required: 1) "No Lifeguard on Duty", 2) Artificial Respiration and CPR Sign, 3) Emergency Sign 911 w/ name and street address of the pool facility, 4) "No Diving Sign" (*if pool is less than 6 feet in depth*) 5) Pool User Capacity Sign, 6) Warning signs for spa pool, 7) Diarrhea Sign, etc...
- All signs posted in a conspicuous place, visible from all sides of the deck (*do not hide signs behind plants or furniture*) and maintained in a legible manner (*replace worn out signs*).
- A 17-inch minimum exterior diameter life ring with an attached throw rope of 3/16- inch minimum diameter of sufficient length to span the maximum width of the pool.
- Body hook with attached 12 ft. (min.) pole.
- Depth marking line shall be installed across the bottom of the pool where the water depth is 4 ½ ft. (*minimum tile size of 4 inches and not greater than 6 inches wide but not required on pool <5.0 ft. deep*).
- Depth markers clearly visible (*located on the coping or on the deck, at the waterline, maximum, middle, and minimum depths and at the break in slope; on both sides; and at both ends*).
- Depth markers shall have minimum 4 inches in height and shall be positioned to indicate the water depth accurate to the nearest six inches as measured at the waterline.

#### FENCING/DECKING

- Pool/spa enclosed with approved fencing (*min. 5ft. high, max. openings 4 in*). Enclosures shall be designed and constructed so that it cannot be readily climbed by small children.
- Gates and doors shall open outwardly away from the pool, and must be self-closing and self-latching, with at least one keyless exit.
- An unobstructed 4 ft. min. deck is provided around entire pool & around  $\geq 50\%$  of spa.
- Pool/spa deck and coping in good repair.

#### RECIRCULATION SYSTEM

- Vacuum, influent and effluent gauges installed and operating.
- Flowmeter installed properly and operating (*bobber not stuck*)
- Filtration system (**Cartridge, Sand or Diatomaceous Earth Filters**) are operational
- Approved automatic chlorinator in operation. (no hand chlorination except when shocking pool)
- Properly secured anti-vortex or anti entrapment covers provided for main drain(s), equalizer lines, and jet or booster lines for spa.
- SVRS (*with RPM Data Sheet on site noting GPM setting & hours*) or Automatic Pump Shut Off systems are operational (for those with single main drain that is not unblockable)
- Skimmers and skimmer baskets clean and in working order.

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### **PUBLIC RESTROOMS (where required)**

- All sinks, toilets, urinals, and showers clean and in good repair.
- Floors, walls, and ceilings clean and in good repair.
- Hot and cold water provided at all sinks.
- Soap and towels provided in approved dispensers at hand sinks.

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Daily records of pool chemical testing (**pH, Chlorine**), Spa Temperature, other repair and maintenance for the proper operation of the pool or spa. *Records must be available for review.*
- Pool is under supervision of reliable and trained individual (**preferably CPO**).
- Recirculation system is in operation whenever pool is available for use.
- Pool light secure and in good operating condition.
- All tile on pool sides, water line, steps and spa benches are in good repair (not cracked or missing).
- Ladders and handrails secure (not loose) and in good repair.

### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR SPAS ONLY**

- Spa warning/precaution sign posted, with clear legible letters, which contain the following language:
  - a) *Elderly persons, pregnant women, infants and those with health conditions requiring medical care should consult with a physician before entering a spa.*
  - b) *Unsupervised use by children under the age of 14 yrs. is prohibited.*
  - c) *Hot water immersion while under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, drugs, or medicines may lead to serious consequences and is not recommended.*
  - d) *Prolonged exposure may result in nausea, dizziness, or fainting. DO NOT USE ALONE.*
- Water temperature of spa does not exceed 104°F. Provide a thermometer in the spa.
- Spa has at least 2 depth markers clearly visible.
- Emergency spa switch shut off sign posted (*must be clearly visible to all bathers*).

### **THE POOL/SPA WILL BE CLOSED IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS EXISTS:**

1. Main drain cannot be seen due to poor water clarity.
2. Main drain(s) or any suction cover(s) missing, broken or loose.
3. Heavy algae growth.
4. No chlorine residual.
5. Excessive chlorine residual (greater than 10 ppm)
6. Excessive Cyanuric Acid
7. Underwater light(s) loose or missing
8. Inoperable Automatic Chlorinator
9. Inoperable Filtration system/pumps
10. Spa Emergency Shut-Off Switch not working.
11. Fecal Accidents
12. Any condition that may be found to exist and can't be immediately corrected, which could actually or potentially threaten the health, welfare, and safety of the public (i.e.... sewage spills, gates locked in open position, unidentified foreign items in the pool or spa, large holes in pool shell, unwanted pests or birds, flooding, etc...).

### **WHAT IF I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH MY POOL OR SPA OR HAVE A GENERAL QUESTION?**

Contact the Placer County Environmental Health (530- 745- 2300 Auburn or 530-581-6240 Tahoe) and ask to speak with your inspector. Prior to repairing, modifying, or changing any pump, heater, and/or recirculation equipment, or before beginning any type of remodeling of the pool or spa, please check with our Department to make sure these changes meet current codes and for other requirements.