

Pre-Opening Checklist for Pools and Spas

1. Barriers

(changes require plan review)

- Fences intact and at proper height
- Gates in working condition and self-closing
- Latches self-latching

2. Walking Surfaces

- Surfaces clean and in good repair
- Proper drainage
- Deck in good condition - no trip hazards
- Lighting minimum 10 foot candles if operated after dusk

3. Emergency/Safety Equipment

- Phone provided and operable (make test call)
- Throwing ring or similar device with attached rope in plain view and easily accessible
- Reaching pole with shepherd's hook in plain view and accessible
- First aid kit (16 units)
- One blanket
- Backboard if facility is lifeguarded
- Emergency shut off switch and alarm working and audible (test and document)

4. Water Quality

- Fresh chemicals for test kit
- pH 7.2 to 8.0
- Disinfection level proper
- Water clarity good (can clearly see main drain and pool bottom)
- Spa temperature less than 104° F
- Cyanuric acid (if using stabilized chlorine) at or below 90 ppm
- Total alkalinity tested at least weekly



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5. Physical Components

- Main drain grates in good condition and properly secured
- Weirs (flaps or floating) in skimmers
- Handrails secure
- Diving boards (including mounting hardware and steps) in good repair
- Stair treads visible
- Stair edge contrasting color visible
- Depth markings visible on the deck and sidewall
- Smooth sides, no rough edges, no protrusions
- Float or marking line in place at drop-off
- Pool/spa surfaces clean
- Skimmer baskets clean, in place, and provided as required

6. Signage/Notification of Users

- Most current rules sign posted
- Location of emergency phone and first aid kit on sign
- Annual notification of pool/spa rules for users

7. Equipment and Equipment Room

- Pumps and filters working
- Flow meter working
- Spare filter for each cartridge filter

8. Locker Rooms and Restrooms

- Properly maintained and operating
- Shower temperature 90-120° F
- Toilet paper available
- Soap available at sinks

9. Lifeguarded Facilities

- Lifeguards and attendants have current first aid, CPR and lifeguard certification
- Lifeguards stationed to ensure 30 second response time
- Lifeguard response drills planned

10. Miscellaneous

- SRHD permit application completed and fee paid
- Check previous SRHD inspection report form for violations requiring correction
- Pool/spa chemical testing log available

