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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.
- ❑ Water clean and clear. Main drain(s) clearly visible.
- ❑ Pool/spa water test kit provided (our Department requires the DPD "red" kit).
- ❑ No algae growth in pool water, on sides or bottom, or on tile.

SAFETY SIGNS AND LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT

- ❑ Signs required: a) "No Lifeguard on Duty", b) artificial respiration schematic, c) 911, d) occupant capacity, and e) "No Diving" (if pool is less than 6 feet in depth).
- ❑ All signs posted in a conspicuous place and maintained in a legible manner.
- ❑ Life ring with attached rope to span width of pool from poolside.
- ❑ Body hook with attached 12 ft. (min.) pole at poolside.
- ❑ Depth markers clearly visible (located at maximum, middle, and minimum depths, and at the break in slope; on both sides; and at both ends).
- ❑ Depth markers located on pool deck (if pool exceeds 20 feet in width).

FENCING/DECKING

- ❑ Pool/spa enclosed with approved fencing (min. 5ft. high, max. openings 4 in).
- ❑ Gates and doors are 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

- ❑ Effluent and influent gauges installed and operating.
- ❑ Flowmeter installed and operating.
- ❑ Approved automatic chlorinator in operation.
- ❑ Properly secured anti-vortex covers provided for main drain(s), equalizer lines, and spa suction lines.
- ❑ Skimmers and skimmer baskets clean and in working order.

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 maintenance and operation available for inspector's review.
- ❑ Pool is under supervision of reliable individual while in operation.
- ❑ Recirculation system is in operation whenever pool is available for use.
- ❑ Pool light secure and in good operating condition.
- ❑ All tile on pool sides, on spa benches, and spa steps in good repair (not cracked or missing).
- ❑ Ladders and handrails secure (not loose) and in good repair.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR SPAS ONLY

- ❑ Spa 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. Heavy algae growth.
3. Main drain(s) cover(s) missing, broken or lose.
4. No chlorine residual.
5. Automatic chlorinator not operable.
6. Circulation/filter system not operable.
7. Excessive chlorine residual (greater than 10 ppm).
8. Loose or missing underwater light.
9. Spa emergency shut-off switch not working.
10. Any condition that may be found to exist (and can't be immediately corrected) which could actually or potentially threaten the public health, welfare and safety (i.e.: fecal material in the water, gates locked in open position, foreign items in the pool or spa, cyanuric acid stabilizer in excess of 100 ppm, etc).

Once our Department has been notified by the owner/operator that the condition(s) for which the pool/spa had been closed are corrected, every effort will be made to re-inspect and open the pool/spa as quickly as possible. However, staffing, prior commitments and obligations, or other conditions can affect this.

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

Contact the local Environmental Health office for your area, and ask to speak to your inspector. Also, prior to repairing, modifying, or changing any pump, heater, and/or recirculation equipment, or before beginning and type of remodeling of the pool or spa, please check with our Department to make sure these changes meet current codes and requirements.

For additional information call:
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