

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC POOLS AND SPAS

- Every pool and spa must be under the supervision of a Pool Operator, who shall maintain records of pool operating procedures & manufacturer's instructions (operation and maintenance for all mechanical, and electrical equipment, and water treatment system) at the pool site for use by the pool operator and for inspection by the enforcing agent. The Operator shall assume responsibility of compliance with State Regulations for the safety of the pool users. (CCR Title 22, Chapter 20 Section 65521)
- The operator of each pool shall keep a daily record of information regarding operations, including readings of disinfectant residual, pH, and spa water temperature, and any routine maintenance such as cleaning of filters, quantity of chemicals used and any repairs to the pool, the drain covers, or pool equipment. All records shall be kept for at least two years. (section 65523)
- A swimming pool test kit; diethyl-p-phenylenediamine, DPD type (Orthotolidine, OTO is not acceptable) shall be available for testing free chlorine and pH concentrations. (section 65529)
- The Free Chlorine (FC) residuals of pools shall be maintained at minimum 1.0 ppm, if not using stabilizers or conditioners or 2.0 ppm, if using conditioner or stabilizer (Bromine pools min 2.0 ppm). For spa, wading pool and spray grounds with or without stabilizer shall be maintained at minimum 3.0 ppm (Bromine min 4.00 PPM). Free Chlorine residuals shall not exceed 10 ppm for all types of pools. (section 65529)
- The pH of the pool and spa shall be maintained between 7.2 and 7.8 (section 65530).
- If Cyanuric Acid (CYA) or a mixture of cyanuric acid and chlorinates isocyanurate is utilized, cyanuric acid concentration shall be measured monthly. Readings shall not exceed 100 ppm.
- All suction drain covers (with current anti-entrapment form approved by the enforcing agent) must be secured so they are removable only with tools. Pools with broken or missing drain covers should not be used and must be replaced at once.
- A mechanical (automatic) chlorinator and filtration system that have been approved by the department shall be maintained and fully operational whenever the pool is open. No hand chlorination except for super chlorination or shocking the pool (sections 65525& 3123B)
- All equipment associated with the circulation, filtration, and purification or chlorination of the pool water shall be kept in good repair. All parts of the pool and spa and related facilities shall be maintained in good repair (section 65535)
- Floating scum or debris shall not be allowed to accumulate in the pool. The sides, bottom and decks of the pools and spas shall be kept clean and free of slime and algae. Bathrooms shall be clean and provided with supplies. Showers shall have soap in dispensers, except deck showers. (sections 65533&65551)
- All employees or patron of pool suspected of having a communicable disease (i.e. diarrhea, cough, cold, wearing bandages, sores etc...) shall be excluded from using the pool, except upon doctor's notice that the person does not present a health hazard. If two or more lifeguards or pool users report within 5 days of each other to the pool operator that they have had diarrhea, the pool operator shall report this to the enforcing agent. (section 65541)
- All pools shall have the required safety signs and rescue equipment (section 65539)