

# GRANT COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

## PRE-OPENING CHECKLIST FOR SEASONAL POOLS & SPAS

USE THIS CHECKLIST TO ENSURE YOUR POOL IS READY TO OPEN FOR THE SEASON AND FOR REGULAR IN-HOUSE INSPECTIONS/AUDITS

### BARRIERS

1. Fences intact and in good repair (sixty inches tall for limited use, seventy-two inches tall, general use). Be sure to also check for items that may effectively reduce the barrier height, such as tree limbs, and benches or tables next to the fence.
2. Self-closing and self-latching gates that provide either a mechanism that uses a continuously locked latch, coded lock or other device that requires a key or code to enter. The latch **must** be sixty inches from the ground or **must** have an eighteen inch radius of solid material around the latch.

### WALKING SURFACES

1. Surfaces clean and in good repair.
2. Proper drainage, no standing or pooling water.
3. Deck in good condition, no trip hazards (anything over one-half inch is considered a trip hazard).
4. Lighting minimum of 15 foot candles if operating after dusk.

### EMERGENCY & SAFETY

#### EQUIPMENT

1. Phone provided and operable (make a test call).
2. Throwing ring with attached rope in plain view and easily accessible. Rope must be one-half the width of the widest part of the pool in length.
3. Reaching pole with shepherd hook in plain view and easily accessible.
4. First aid kit. Limited use pool needs 16 units, general use needs 24 units.
5. Two blankets.

6. Back board if facility requires a lifeguard.
7. Spa emergency shut off switch and alarm working and audible.
8. Pool main drain shut off switch and alarm working and audible.

### WATER QUALITY

1. New test kit chemicals/reagents.
2. pH 7.2-7.8,
3. Proper disinfectant levels. This will be based on type of disinfectant used. See WAC 246-260-999 Appendix A.
4. Water clarity good (main drain easily seen).
5. Spa temperatures does not exceed 104 degrees F.
6. Cyanuric acid between 30-50ppm if using stabilized chlorine.
7. Total alkalinity between 80-120 is ideal.
8. Frequency guidelines for draining, cleaning and refilling spas and spray pools.



### PHYSICAL COMPONENTS

1. Main drains in good condition (no cracks or pieces missing) and properly secured.
2. Weirs (flaps or floating) in skimmers.
3. Handrails secure.
4. Diving boards, slides and other apparatuses secured and in good repair.
5. Stair treads in place and visible.
6. Stair edge contrasting color in place and visible.

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### PHYSICAL COMPONENTS Continued;

7. Depth marking on deck and side walls visible and of dark contrasting color.
8. Smooth sides, no rough edges, no protrusions.
8. Float or marking line at breakpoint/drop-off.
9. Pool & spa surfaces clean.
10. Skimmer baskets are clean, in good repair and in place.

### SIGNAGE & NOTIFICATION for USERS

1. Rules up to date, posted and easily seen.
2. Location of emergency phone listed.
3. Ongoing notification being conducted.

### EQUIPMENT & EQUIPMENT ROOM

1. Locked.
2. Pumps and filters working and in good repair.
3. Flow meter installed and working.
4. Chemicals stored in separate location.
5. Bases and acids stored separately.
6. Floor free of water. Equipment free of leaks.
7. Miscellaneous items not stored in pump room without adequate storage/organization to avoid fire/injury.

### LOCKER ROOMS & REST ROOMS

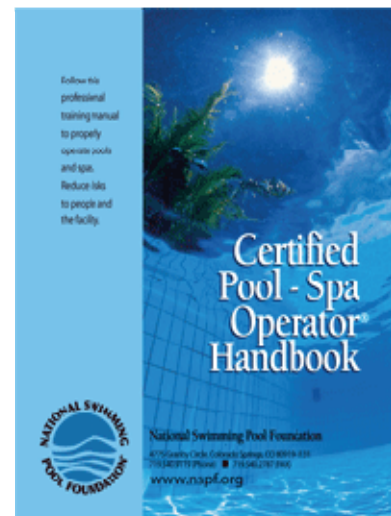
1. Plumbing & equipment maintained and in good working order.
2. Shower temperatures 90-110 degrees F.
3. Soap available in showers and at hand sinks.
4. Toilet paper available.
5. Paper towels available at hand sinks.
6. Diaper changing tables available in both men's and women's locker/ restrooms.

### LIFEGUARDED FACILITIES

1. Lifeguards and attendants have current CPR, First Aid and Life guarding certifications.
2. Lifeguards stations to ensure 30 second response time.
3. Lifeguard response drills planned.
4. Lifeguard chairs in place.

### OPERATIONS & RECORDKEEPING

1. Operations plan completed, available and in-use.
2. Daily logs for testing pool and spa chemicals available and in use.
3. Copies of all certifications and trainings on file and available for inspector review.
4. Incident forms for reporting injury, illness, drowning and pool contamination available and in use.
5. Grant County Health District permit application completed and fee paid.
6. Emergency response plan in place.
7. Guidelines for when to close the pool due to weather, pool conditions, or contamination.
8. If serving food, be sure all staff have valid food handler permits.
9. Review past Grant County Health District inspection reports for violations requiring correction.
10. Have a complete copy of Chapter 246-260 Washington Administrative Code on file.
11. Consider becoming a certified pool operator and/or attend the yearly pool operators class offered by the Washington State Department of Health in your area. Watch your mail for this information in early spring 2008.
12. Consider ordering the Certified Pool-Spa Operators Handbook and use it to help you in operations.



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