

Preopening Checklist for Seasonal 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 15 foot candles if operated after dusk

3. Emergency/Safety Equipment

- Phone or other emergency response equipment provided and operable (make test call)
- Throwing ring or similar device w/attached rope in plain view and easily accessible
- Reaching pole w/shepherd's hook in plain view and accessible
- First aid kit (Ltd. use:16 units/Gen. use: 24 units)
- Two blankets
- Backboard if facility is lifeguarded
- Spa emergency shut off switch and alarm working and audible

4. Water Quality

- New 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 \leq 104 degrees F
- Cyanuric acid (if using stabilized chlorine) at or below 90 ppm
- Total alkalinity tested at least weekly

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

- 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

8. Locker Rooms and Restrooms

- Properly maintained and operating
- Shower temperature 90-110 degrees 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
- Lifeguard chairs in place if required

10. Miscellaneous

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



(Adapted from SRHD, last updated 4/2023)