



Pool Opening Checklist

Use this to verify that the pool is in compliance before scheduling an appointment.

Document Review

- Copy of pool data sheet available
- Correction of all items on the previous inspection

Water Quality Standards

- Test kits (a DPD Drop Test Kit is preferred)
- pH between 7.2-7.8
- Free chlorine residual of at least 1 ppm in pools/spas and 2 ppm in wading pools
- Free bromine residual of at least 2 ppm in pools, wading, and spas.
- CPO inspects pool daily and maintain written records
- Written records from last season available (or previous six months)
- Maintain fecal and vomitus clean up guidance on site
- Outdoor pools stabilized with cyanuric acid (CA in excess of 100 ppm is a sign of deteriorating water quality)

Safety

- Main drain visible at all times from pool deck
- Main drain covers comply with VGB, in good condition, and securely attached
- Equalizer line covers meet VGB act requirements. Equalizer line are not required and may be plugged for flooded suction outlet configurations only (pump is below main drain).
- Automatic feeder pumps prevented from operating while the circulation pump is not in operation

- 12 ft safety pole with body hook
- ¼ inch throwing rope that is one and half times the maximum width of the pool or 50 feet (whichever is less) and US Coast Guard approved ring buoy where no life guard on duty
- "Warning-No Life Guard On Duty" signage (4 inches in height) must be posted where no life on duty
- A permanently affixed telephone visible from within the pool enclosure (or with a sign posted indicating the location of the emergency phone) that is within 75 feet of the bather entrance
- A sign with legible letters posted at the phone providing dialing instructions, address of the pool location, and the phone number (check this with E-911 that phone line is accurate by calling 911 and ask for verification), **or**
- Phone or call box that directly dials 911 or that is monitored 24hr/365 days by an emergency notification system

- Depth markers on deck and walls of pool no greater than 25 feet apart (4 inches in height and contrasting color- # feet or # ft must be clearly seen to bathers in

the pool) at the points of maximum and minimum depths; and at the transition point; and the diving area; and at both ends of the pool.

- “No Diving” markers on the deck adjacent to all areas of the pool less than five feet deep (letters no less than 4 inches in height and of contrasting color or at least a 6 inch by 6 inch international symbol for no diving in red and black on white background) at an interval distance no more than 25 feet apart

- Leading edge of stairs or underwater seats marked with a 2 inch contrasting band
- Underground lights covered and underwater lights secure
- Hand rail and ladders tightened and escutcheon plates in place
- End caps on open ends of ladders

- 4 foot minimum height fence around pool and decking
- No opening under bottom of fence exceeds 4 inches in height (check the landscaping barriers, mulch, and shrubbery)
- Self-closing and self-latching gate and doors that open away from the pool deck (check windows for alarms or barriers in place)

- Skimmers and baskets operating in good repair and clean
- Deck free of hazards or offsets greater than one-half inch
- Over the rim fill spouts are shielded and do not present a hazard

- “Shower before swimming” sign posted
- Pool rules signage posted (1 inch letters): hours of operation, no glass, no pets, no swimming alone, no children swimming without supervision, and spa specific info if applicable
- “Pool closed” signs available

Access a current copy of the 15A NCAC 18A.2500 [Rules Governing Public Swimming Pools](#)