

PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS

**INSPECTION CHECKLIST**



**Pool:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**THE POOL**

- Covering for any main drain and other suction outlet is properly installed, and securely fastened and the cover is an approved cover (ANSI/ASME A112.19.8-2007). **Critical Item**
- Equalizer lines plugged (or documentation of compliance).
- Skimmers operating properly - all weirs in place.
- Water level adequate for proper operation of skimmers.
- Underwater lights work - lights are needed on pool where swimming is permitted after dark. **Critical Item**
- Ladders and stairs tight and good repair. *Ladders at shallow and deep end, and on both sides of pool for 30' wide pools.* Handrails on steps.
- Adjustable diving board fulcrum locked in the most forward position.
- Dive board the same length as when approved. \_\_\_\_\_
- Dive stands, dive boards, in good repair. Steps non-slip, self-draining, handrails for 1 meter above water, guardrails extend to edge of water.
- Water slides and bolts for the slide are in good repair.
- Starting blocks in good repair and inaccessible to public.
- Backflow preventers installed on hose bibs, on main water line, or air gap provided for refill lines.
- White or an approve color was used for painting the pool. Keep a paint can for inspection. Lane lines 12" max wide
- Sufficient clarity - the main drain readily visible from poolside. **Critical Item**
- Safety line installed between deep and shallow ends.
- Depth markers - must be at least 4 inches in size, marked with "ft" and "in" (not hash marks) in 6 inch increments, and located at the minimum and maximum points, at the break between the deep and shallow portion, and at the intermediate points, no more than 25 feet apart. At least 2 at spas and wading pool. Zero entry pools ("Zero Depth", 0 feet or 0 inch).
- "No Diving" signs on deck - must be at least 4 inches in size or equivalent pictorial signage. Not required at wading pools.
- Spa drained every 30 days.

- Pool water chemistry and temperature acceptable. Disinfectant, including Combine Cl<sub>2</sub> is **Critical Item**
- Return line working, eyeball returns
- 4 ft or 5 foot deep water for competitive dive entry.

#### **AROUND THE POOL**

- Restrooms clean, safe, and in repair with soap, toilet paper, covered trash container in women's restroom.
- Rules posted. Slide rules, spa rules, special features rules, Spray grounds. Rules enforced.
- "Warning/caution pool closed" sign available.
- "Warning, No Lifeguard", "Swimming alone is not recommended" and "Children Must be supervised" signs posted – for pools with no lifeguards
- Water slide pump shut-off switch is working.*
- Deck area clean, smooth, slip resistant, no sharp edge hazards, no standing water.
- Perimeter fence in good repair. No opening more than 6" or 4". Fence at least 42" high or 48" high. *Wading pool fence 36". Horizontal member on inside.*
- Gates self-closing and lockable. *Self-latching, opener 38" high.*
- Proper number of lifeguards. **Critical Item**  
1-50 bathers: 1-1999 **0**, 2000-5999 **1**. 51-150 bathes : 1-3999 **1**, 4000-5999 **2**. 151-bathes : 2000-3999 **2**, 4000-5999 **3**. Must be at dive board, zero entry.  
 For slides : 10 feet high – dispatcher at top, 25 ft high additional guard at bottom.
- For pools with lifeguards Rescue tube and CPR pocket mask - one for each lifeguard.
- Spine board (with straps and immobilizers for pools with lifeguards).
- Non-telescopic 12 foot reach pole with shepherd's crook. USCG type IV floatation device (ring buoy) with ¼ inch line 30 to 60 feet.
- Authorized representative within 30 minutes.
- Staff trained – know how to test water, emergency procedures, operate equipment, handle chemicals.
- Staff knows critical operational items – knows when to close the pool when required.
- Working telephone with posted emergency numbers - location of phone posted.
- First aid kit.
- Ventilation: good repair, minimal condensation, no drafts on swimmers. *50-60% humidity indoor pool.*

#### **DOCUMENTATION**

- Fecal accidents are treated per Appendix A.

- DPD test kit with new reagents (OTO test kits are **PROHIBITED**). Cyanuric acid and alkalinity testing ability. Reagents are dated. Thermometer for checking water temperature.
- Daily records maintained - record on ODH supplied log sheet. Keep 2 yrs.
- Water test taken before bathers enter the water, every 4 hrs or 12 hrs. and taken at special feature.
- Lifeguard certifications on file. Make copies for inspector.
- Documentation of the pool dimensions including diving board is on file.
- Equipment information is on file. CO on file.
- Water sample taken from well.

#### **FILTER ROOM**

- Filter room locked.
- No free standing water, no hazards, and clean in the equipment, storage and filter rooms.
- Working pressure/vacuum gauges for filters.
- Working flow meter. Properly located. Ask for location requirements if needed.
- Flow meter on special features.
- Throttle valve tagged with the max and min flow rates.
- Adequate turn-over rate - pools 8 hours, wading pool 2 hours, spas 30 minutes.
- Working chlorinator or brominator and working circulation system. Disinfectant tablets match the brand specified by the disinfectant feeder. **Critical Item**
- Mechanical ventilation in recessed equipment room working.*
- Open filters or pits with 36" high barrier or covered.*
- 20 footcandles of light in equipment room.*
- Chemicals properly used, stored, labeled, and locked. See handout for safe storage of chemicals. **Critical Item**
- Vacuum limit switches working. Verification of testing should be available. **Critical Item**
- The flow switch/pump interlock on the automatic chemical controller unit working. Testing recorded monthly. The audible or visual warning signal works in the event that disinfectant residuals or pH levels are not within acceptable limits. **Critical Item**
- Automatic chemical controller monitors and displays pH and ORP. **Critical Item**

- Automatic chemical controller on ODH acceptable list. **Critical Item**
- The manually checked disinfectant level to standardize the automatic chemical controller.
- Air gap provided for all discharge lines. All backwash from the filters discharge to the sanitary sewer.
- An Equipment Replacement Report is submitted to the Ohio Department of Health when any equipment is replaced or added.
- Backflow preventer ASSE 1013, inspected annually. Documentation
- Electrical hazard is unknown. **Critical Item**

***Italics = pools built after 1999***

**Underline = pools built after 2004**

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