

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 ≤ 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)