

## Outdoor Pool Opening Checklist

- Inspect drain cover(s) for proper installation; verify code compliant
- Pool water is clear, can see the main drain easily
- Doors/gates are in good condition. Must be self-closing, self-latching, and capable of being locked
- Fence in good condition and meets state pool code
- Coping (ledge) is clean, smooth, and in good repair
- Pool walls and bottom are clean, and in good repair and painted in a light color
- Decking and walkways are in good condition, with no large cracks/gaps; 5 feet accessibility clearance around the pool
- Ladders and handrails in place and secure
- Sufficient lighting provided during all hours pool is in operation
- Dressing rooms, showers, and toilet facilities are operational, clean, vented, and in good repair
- Waste receptacle with a lid located in the pool area
- 12 ft. fixed length blunt end pole or life hook
- Ring buoy with rope attached (rope length should be 1½ x pool width); or rescue tube when lifeguard present
- Lifesaving equipment is in place and marked "FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY"
- All signs posted:
  - "NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY" in 4-inch lettering (when applicable)
  - Pool and/or spa rules
  - Pool and/or spa capacity
  - No Diving
- Step edges are painted with a dark contrasting color stripe ½ to 2 inches wide
- Pool depths clearly marked on all sides of the pool
- "NO DIVING" (or universal "No Diving" symbol 4-inch square) meeting the state code on deck
- Copy of Certified Pool Operator certificate current and posted in pump room
- Drain cover paperwork and other specification sheets on site
- Copy of Pool Management book or CPO book
- License current and posted
- Daily logs available
- All equipment is hooked up and working:
  - Pipes (labeled and not leaking)
  - Filters (clean and in good repair)
  - Heater and/or thermometer working
  - Flow meter functional and accurate
  - Disinfectant feeder with integral antilock system
- Skimmers with weirs installed, clean, and working
- Complete and stocked chemical test kit; properly stored; check for expired reagents
- Pump room clean, organized and properly ventilated
- Chemicals labeled and stored properly
- All chemicals in balance:
  - Chlorine: Pools 1.0 – 10.0 ppm; spas 2.0 – 10.0 ppm
  - pH: 7.2 – 7.8; 7.4 – 7.6 ideal
  - Cyanuric acid: stabilizer for outdoor pools; must be less than 100; less than 30 ideal
  - Alkalinity: >50 ppm
  - Temperature: less than or equal to 104\* F

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