

**Government of the District of Columbia
Department of Health**

Health Regulation and Licensing
Food Safety and Hygiene Inspection
Services Division



**SWIMMING POOLS
PRE-OPENING CHECK LIST**

All of the following items must be provided and be in good repair at the time of the pre-opening inspection for licensing approval.

SAFETY

1. First aid kit at a minimum is to consist of the following items:

2 units – 1” adhesive compress	4 units – plain absorbent gauze, ½ sq. yard
2 units – 2” bandage compress	3 units – plain absorbent gauze, 24”x72”
2 units – 3” bandage compress	4 units – triangular bandages, 40”
2 units – 4” bandage compress	2 units – gauze roller bandage
1 each - 3” x 3” plain gauze pad	1 each - eye dressing packet
1 pair - latex disposable gloves	1 each - bandage scissors and tweezers
1 each - face mask with one way valve	
2. Telephone(s) must be located on the premises with emergency phone numbers provided. The phone company has advised us that on all pay phones, you may dial 911 without depositing money. If you have a pay phone, be sure it is of that type. If you have an apartment pool, the phone may not be located in the manager’s office. If the phone operates through a switchboard, the phone must be operable whenever the pool is in use. Otherwise, the phone must be connected directly to an outside line.
3. Two blankets
4. Backboard with straps (not ropes, wires, etc.)
5. 12 foot Shepherd’s Hook
6. Test kits:
 - **The kit should read free chlorine on a scale containing at least 8 increments between 0.4 ppm and 2.5 ppm and pH values on a scale containing at least 4 increments between 7.2 and 8.2 inclusive.**
 - **A cyanuric acid test kit or bromine test kit must also be available if cyanuric acid or bromine is to be used.**
 - **These devices shall have an accuracy of +0.1 units in the free chlorine and pH range stated above. Equipment not specifically meeting these criteria will be reviewed on a case by case basis upon request.**
7. Lockable emergency gate with the key present. (You will be required to lock and unlock the gate to pass the inspection.)

DECK

1. Deck and coping must be in good repair
2. Scum gutters free flowing
3. All skimmers must be adjustable and functional
4. All returns must be adjustable and functional
5. Fence intact
6. Face plates intact
7. Main drain grates in place
8. Lights functional (unless approved in writing by this office)
9. Guard chairs, ladders, diving stands secure
10. Life line in use, secure
11. Depth markers legible
12. Weirs present – functioning
13. Hose bibs functional – vacuum breakers on all hose bibs
14. Equipment that is accessible to people with disabilities must be in place for indoor pools

Information is current as of Feb 2015

OPERATION / EQUIPMENT

1. Filter(s) in good repair
2. Backwash performed
3. Backwash charts posted corresponding to piping
4. Piping tagged to match backwash chart
5. Pump in good repair
6. All pressure gauges operable
7. Appropriate flow meter operable
8. Chlorinator functioning
9. Cylinders securely attached
10. Room exhausted at floor levels
11. Outside switch for lights and fan
12. Ceiling intake vents
13. Ammonia outside room
14. Soda ash feeder operable
15. Compliance with the Federal Pool & Spa Safety Act (Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act)

BATHHOUSE

1. All plumbing must be operational at all fixtures
2. Hot water must be provided at appropriate fixtures, a minimum of 90°F. If the temperature of the heated water exceeds 105°F mixing valves must be installed.
3. Liquid soap dispensers at all shower heads.

The following items must also be present, in good repair, functional or complete in order to pass the inspection:

DECK / POOL

1. Waste containers
2. Deck properly draining
3. Deck drains intact
4. Foot sprays functional
5. Drinking fountain functional

OPERATION / EQUIPMENT

6. Equipment room lockable
7. Filter room clean
8. Air gap on backwash line
9. Piping supported
10. Room vented and drained
11. Adequate lighting
12. Air relief valves present on filter
13. Stand pipe (if appropriate) on diatomaceous earth filter
14. Alternate hair strainer basket

TOILET FACILITIES

1. Clean
2. Floor draining properly
3. Ventilated.
4. Liquid soap dispensers at all hand sinks.
5. Paper towel and or air drier unit operational.