

Checklist for Outdoor Pool Opening

These are requirements that need to be met at pool opening. Refer to the Minnesota Pool Code for complete requirements.

- Inspect drain cover(s) for proper installation and compliance with Abigail Taylor Pool Safety Act and Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act. Keep copy of installation/expiration paperwork.
- Water is balanced and no more than 104°F:
 - Chlorine or bromine, combined chlorine, pH, alkalinity, and cyanuric acid levels follow pool code water condition requirements. Pool log in place.
- 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. A means for emergency exit must be provided.
- Fence in good condition and meets state pool code.
- Lifesaving equipment is in place and marked "FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY".
 - 12 ft. fixed length pole or life hook.
 - Ring buoy with rope attached (rope length must be 1½ x pool width) or rescue tube(s).
- 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.
- All signs and pool rules posted:
 - "NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY" in 4-inch lettering (when applicable).
 - Emergency telephone number (911).
 - Location of the closest public phone conspicuously posted (if no telephone is in pool enclosure).
 - Pool capacity.
- "NO DIVING" (or universal "No Diving" symbol 4-inch square) meeting the state code at pool edge.
- Step edges are painted with dark contrasting color stripe ½ to 2 inches wide.
- Depth transition line at least 6 inches wide (if applicable), is painted with a dark contrasting color, across the bottom and sidewalls of the pool.
- Pool depths clearly marked on all sides of the pool meeting the state code.
- Ladders and handrails in place and secure.
- All equipment is hooked up and working:
 - Pipes Filters Heater/Thermometer Flow meter Disinfectant feeder
- Skimmers with weirs installed, clean and working.
- Complete and stocked chemical test kits (check for expired pool kit reagents).
- Pump room clean and organized.
- Current copy of Certified Pool Operator certificate posted in pump room.
- Dressing rooms, showers and toilet facilities are clean, vented and in good repair.
- Waste receptacle with lid located in the pool area.

If ALL ITEMS on the above list have been completed, please call for an opening inspection appointment. Do not open pool until the health department completes the opening inspection. For appointment or questions call 612-543-5200.