



County of Bernalillo

Health Protection Section

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Pool Checklist

Check Box [v] when item completed. Once ALL items are completed, call to schedule an inspection

POOL OPERATOR

- Pool operator's certification letter valid and available for review at all times
- Daily Operating & Accident Record logs readily available for review. Records must be started prior to inspection and demonstrate that pool has been circulating and balanced for 3 days prior to inspection

POOL STRUCTURE

- Ladders, Steps, Grab Rails – secure and in good condition. Handrails – provided at all steps
- Diving Boards, Platforms, Blocks & Slides – have non-skid surfaces, adequate area & depth of water
- All suction outlet covers (including skimmer equalizer lines) meet Virginia Graeme Baker Act (VGBA) anti-entrapment requirements and are ASME/ANSI A112.19.8-2007 certified. Proof of compliance must be kept on site.
- 4 inch high Depth markings visible on pool wall and pool deck near edge, spaced at every 15 feet maximum for pools, 10 feet maximum for spas and every one foot depth change
- Fill-Spout = 6 inch (152 mm) air gap; spout does not constitute a safety hazard.
- Barriers – Minimum 4 feet high and completely surrounding pool area. Pools/spas built after 7/30/2008 must have barriers that are at least 5 feet above grade.
 1. Clear spaces between bars/railing 4 inches (102 mm) or less
 2. Bottom rail 4 inches (102 mm) or less above deck or grade
- Gates/Doors – self-closing, self-latching, and open outwards away from pool
- Operating controls for the self-latching device shall be located at least 42 inches above the exterior ground surface or pool deck

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- Two or more U.S. Coast Guard approved ring-buoys with attached throw line ¼ inch thick (6 mm), at least 1½ times the max. pool width
- Lifeline - 2 feet toward shallow end from break in grade separating shallow from deep end
- One pole with life hook – 12 feet (3.7 m) or longer
- Emergency Phone on premises with emergency numbers posted**
- All public pools shall be equipped with a clearly marked emergency pump shut-off switch to be located within 20 feet, but no closer than four feet, of a pool.
- First Aid Kit – see NMAC 7.18.4.25 D for complete list of required items**
- Maximum 15 minute jet timer visible and operational at spas

SAFETY EQUIPMENT - CONTINUED

- If gas chlorine is used, contact Bernalillo County Health Protection Section for additional requirements.

REQUIRED SIGNAGE

- If no lifeguard present, post:
WARNING – NO LIFEGUARD SERVICES PROVIDED. ALL CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF FOURTEEN (14) MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT WITHIN THE BARRIER AREA. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CONTACT...
- An American Red Cross resuscitation chart.
- A precaution sign or signs shall be mounted adjacent to the entrance of a spa. Language specified in 7.18.4.26.D NMAC
- Pool capacity/bather load for each pool
- Sign that explains the proper way to use pool slide or water slide (7.18.4.26.F NMAC)

OPERATIONAL

- National Sanitation Foundation (NSF/ANSI 50 certified) approved disinfectant dispenser and pool filter operational
- All public spa pools and wading pools shall be equipped with oxidation-reduction potential (ORP) automatic disinfection and pH controllers.
- Appropriate Test Kits available – chlorine/bromine (DPD type), pH, and stabilizer (cyanuric acid)
- Pump, hair and lint strainer, pressure gauges, flow meters, skimmer strainer baskets, and weirs present, in good condition and working properly
- Skimmers, Gutters – covered and working properly
- Check for minimum turnover rates (6-hours for most pools, 1-hour for spas built before 3/30/05, and 30 minutes for newly built or remodeled spas)

MISCELLANEOUS

- Grounds, buildings, dressing rooms, walk-ways, etc. clean, sanitary and in good repair
- No curbs, tripping hazards, sharp edges or protrusions

WATER QUALITY

- Chemicals in the allowable regulatory ranges listed below:

Chemical/parameter	Pools	Spas	Spray pads
Maximum temperature	104 F	104 F	104 F
Free available chlorine	1-5 ppm	2-5 ppm	2-5 ppm
Combined chlorine	0.5 ppm maximum	0.5 ppm maximum	0.5 ppm maximum
Total available bromine	2-6 ppm	2-6 ppm	2-6 ppm
Cyanuric acid (stabilizer)	100 ppm maximum	100 ppm maximum	100 ppm maximum
pH	7.2-7.8	7.2-7.8	7.2-7.8
Clarity	Check if drain is visible in deepest part	Check if drain is visible in deepest part	