

Corpus Christi – Nueces County Public Health District



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Swimming Pool Regulations for Commercial Pools or Spas

Disinfection

- Automatic sanitizer dispenser
- Free chlorine Bromine
- pH (7.0 – 7.8)
- DPD test kit
- No algae
- Water clear – main drain visible
- Operational logs

Mechanical

- Functioning pump
- Strainer and vacuum gauge on pump
- Flow meter installed & functioning
- Inlet, outlet gauges installed & functioning
- Heater (over 200,000 BTU w/TDLR certificate)
- Heater installed downstream of filter
- Exposed piping labeled. Valves labeled.

Wading Pool

- Free chlorine Bromine
- pH (7.0 – 7.8)
- 15 feet from shallow / 35 feet from deep water areas
- Fenced separately from pool / spa
- Independent circulatory / sanitization system

Skimmers / Returns

- Skimmer cover and basket intact and in place
- Skimmer basket free of debris and sanitizer
- Equalizer outlet with approved cover or sealed

Structural Design

- Pool / spa bottom & sides white or light color

- Toe tile on leading edge of steps, benches, swim outs

Fill Water / Wastewater

- Potable water supply
- Water distribution system protected against backflow
- Over-the-rim fill spout with secure soft pliable end
- Drinking water fountain available to pool / spa users

Depth Markers – Pools

- Deck & sidewall depth markers present – 4 inch numbers
- Permanent colors and no more than 25 feet apart
- Max. & min. depth, break point & 2 foot depth intervals
- 4 inch “No Diving” letters & symbol in shallow areas on deck
- “No Diving” deck markers no more than 25 feet apart
- Feet and / or inches in 4 inch letters

Signage

- Sign(s) visible to pool / spa user
- “NO DIVING” 4 inch letters and 4 inch no diving symbol
- “Warning-No Lifeguard On Duty” – 4 inch letters
- “Children Should Not Use Pool w/o Adult Supervision” – 2 inch letters
- “In case of Emergency Dial 911” – 1 inch letters
- Pool maximum user load – 1 inch letters

Class A & B Facilities

- Operator license(s) current

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- Water tested every 2 hours when pool in use (refer to log)
- Rope & float line between shallow end & deep end
- OSHA first aid kit and anti-disease transmission kit
- Facilities clean and sanitary

Bathroom / Sanitary Facilities

- Private gender specific facilities
- Floor slip resistant and sloped to floor drain
- Mirror & soap dispenser metal or plastic
- Toilet paper & holders
- Single use towels or blower
- Covered waste receptacles

Spa

- Free Chlorine Bromine
- pH (7.0 – 7.8)
- Temperature not over 104 degrees F / Spa thermometer available to users
- Minimum 2 depth markers on deck – 4 inch numbers & letters
- Maximum user load limit sign provided
- “Children Should Not Use Spa w/o Adult Supervision” – 2 inch letters
- “Do not Use Spa if Temp. Is Above 104 degrees F – 1 inch letters
- Emergency shutoff switch in sight & minimum 5 feet away
- 15 min. timer switch minimum 5 feet away from spa

Electrical

- GFCI’s installed
- Service electrical disconnect within sight of equipment

Food, Beverages & Containers

- No glass containers in pool yard
- Trash containers provided in pool yard

Diving Facilities

- Boards / platforms over 1 M w/dual guard & handrails
- Boards / platforms ½ - 1 M w/single guard & handrails
- Minimum distance between multiple boards 10 feet
- Lifeguard chair(s) at least 4 feet above deck
- Diving board(s) properly labelled

Specific Safety Features

- Min. 12 foot non-conductive reaching pole within 20 feet of pool
- USCG ring buoy w/throw rope within 20 feet of pool

Emergency telephone

- Phone location sign visible in pool/spa yard
- 4 foot by 4 foot visible bottom stripe at shallow to deep transition

Lifeguards

- Current license(s) available
- Second responder
- Sufficient number of rescue tubes
- Backboard with 3 tie-down straps & head immobilizer
- First aid kit with anti-disease transmission capabilities

Suction Outlets (Main Drains)

- Single
- Suction outlet cover(s) / grate(s) intact and in place
- SVRD / AVS installed when required

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- Vacuum outlet with cover and auto-latch or filled in
- Check valve(s) up stream of pump

Gas Chlorination

- Two trained personnel
- Chlorine stored in vented room
- Proper signage & view port on housing door(s)
- Appropriate safety equipment & respirator
- Scale & ammonia solution
- Electrical switches outside chlorine gas storage room

Pool Enclosures

All Class C, Class D, and Day Camp Pools & Spas

- Minimum 48 inch height
- Gate(s) self-closing and self-latching & not propped open
- No openings under fence allow passage of a 4 inch sphere

Class C & D Pools & Spas Subject to HSC 757 – Post 01/01/94

- Horizontals 45 inches or more apart w/ no gaps greater than 4 inches
- Horizontals less than 45 inches apart / no gaps greater than 1-3/4 inches
- No fence cutouts w/ gaps greater than 1-3/4 inches
- Gate(s) opens outward & can be locked
- Latch inside & 3 inches below top of gate
- Latch inside & no opening 1/2 inch or more than 18 inches around latch
- Latch outside & minimum 60 inches above ground

- Latch 42 inches or less above ground & opens w/ key, card, or combination
- No chain link after 01/01/94

Class C & D Pools & Spas Subject to HSC 757 – Pre 01-01-94

- Horizontal bars 36 inches apart with no openings greater than 4 inches
- Door w/ keyed deadbolt, keyless bolt device or throw bolt
- Door with latch, closure device and bolting device
- Sliding door with handle latch or bar and sliding pin lock

C & D Day Camp Pools & Spas Not subject to HSC 757 or Local Codes

- Horizontals 45 inches or more apart w/ no gaps greater than 4 inches
- No structures within 36 inches allowing fence to be sealed
- Opening hardware min. 42 inches above ground and can be locked
- Gate(s) / door(s) open outward & can be locked

All Class A & B And All Residential Youth Camp Pool Enclosures

- Minimum fence height 6 feet
- Gaps less than 4 inches
- Designed to be difficult to scale
- Gate(s) / Door(s) capable of being locked
- Gate(s) / Door(s) directly supervised or locked
- No openings from private premise into pool / spa yard