

## **PRE-OPERATIONAL INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR NWBRHC POOLS**

### **Emergency Equipment/Waterfront Safety**

1. Assist poles or life hooks (non-telescoping or snap on)
2. Life rings, rescue buoys or tubes
3. One fully stocked First Aid Kit
4. One Spine Board (straps attached) and head immobilizer
5. A working telephone
6. One or more throw lines that can reach the other side of the pool
7. Emergency numbers, facility address and hours of operation posted
8. Bather Rules conspicuously posted
9. Distinguishing apparel that identifies the lifeguard(s)
10. Separate whistles for each lifeguard
11. "No Diving" signs (depicted in both words and symbols) prominently posted and visible from all areas of the pool
12. A sign posted indicating the location of the first aid supplies
13. A sign indicating location of emergency shut off switch
14. Aquatics Supervision Plan including Zones of Protection for lifeguards
15. For facilities that have a lifeguard, an automated external defibrillator (AED)

### **Bound Log Book to Record the following information**

1. Date, time, and result of every pool water test (tests must be performed every two hours during pool operation)
2. Initials of the person who took the test
3. Bather load
4. Clarity and temperature of water
5. Weekly Recreational Equipment inspection log
6. Weekly log of TPO inspection of facility

### **Other**

1. Handrails and Ladder(s) must be installed
2. Filter room must be clean, organized and identified as a chemical storage area. No smoking signs must be posted on filter room. All chemicals must be properly labeled and stored
3. All flow meters must be in operational condition
4. Water analysis must be taken by a NJ certified laboratory within one week of scheduled opening
5. Wading pools must have signage posted indicating "No children allowed in the wading pool without adult supervision"
6. Facilities will be provided a placard indicating the facility is either Satisfactory, Conditionally Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory. These placards must be in public view.

## PROTOCOL FOR UNSATISFACTORY POOL SAMPLES

### POOLS

Whenever a swimming/wading pool water sample exceeds the microbiological water standards of N.J.A.C. 8:26-7.5, the TPO or facility manager **MUST** notify Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission, NWBRHC, within **one hour** if sample does not comply with bacteriological laboratory standards. Notification may be made by phone, fax or email. **FAILURE TO NOTIFY NWBRHC MAY RESULT IN LEGAL ACTION BEING TAKEN.**

The pool water must be resampled immediately. If the resample also exceeds the microbiological water standards, the pool must be closed immediately and not re-opened until a microbiologically satisfactory water sample is obtained. A resample must occur within 24 hours of notification.

### HOT TUBS/SPAS

Whenever a hot tub or spa water sample exceeds the microbiological water standards of N.J.A.C. 8:26-7.11, the hot tub **MUST** be closed and the TPO or facility manager must notify Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission within **one hour** if sample does not comply with bacteriological laboratory standards. Notification may be made by phone, fax or email. **FAILURE TO NOTIFY NWBRHC MAY RESULT IN LEGAL ACTION BEING TAKEN.**

The hot tub shall be closed, drained and disinfected. After refilling, the water must be resampled. A resample is to occur within 24 hours of notification.

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