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PRE-OPENING CHECKLIST FOR PUBLIC POOLS & SPAS

Chemicals

o Disinfectant within allowable range:

	CHLORINE		BROMINE	
POOL TYPE	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Wading Pools	3.0 ppm	7.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	10.0 ppm
Spa Pools	2.0 ppm	7.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	10.0 ppm
Waterslide Plunge Pools	2.0 ppm	7.0 ppm	3.0 ppm	10.0 ppm
Wave Pools	2.0 ppm	7.0 ppm	3.0 ppm	10.0 ppm
All Other Pools	1.0 ppm	7.0 ppm	2.0 ppm	10.0ppm

- o pH within acceptable range of 7.2-7.8
- o Alkalinity within acceptable range of 80-120 ppm
- Cyanuric acid (stabilizer) levels below 60 ppm

Water Quality

- o Main drain and/or pool bottom is visible from pool deck
- Spa water temperature does not exceed maximum allowed (104°F)

Pool Safety

- Main drain cover maintained and secured in place
- Provided with at least 1 unit of lifesaving equipment consisting of:
 - Life pole/shepherd's crook at least 12 feet in length, a U.S. Coast Guard approved ring buoy with a minimum outside diameter of 20 inches that is equipped with a ¼ inch diameter rope equal in length to the pool width.

- One spine board, with straps and head immobilizer, shall be provided for each pool
- o A fully stocked first aid kit must be readily available
- An emergency telephone must be provided within 200 feet of the pool enclosure
- A removable buoyed transition line, anchored at each end, shall separate the shallow area defined as five (5) feet or less, from the deeper pool area
- o Required pool signage and placement

And remember! You MUST have a bacteriological sample submitted with satisfactory results prior to opening.