

Bergen County Pool Policy

“Pre-Opening”

No public pool will be permitted to open unless all items and equipment are available for inspection.

The following is a list including, but not limited to, what is required under Chapter IX.

- Proof of a C.P.O. (Certified Pool Operator)
- Lifeguard information, including current lifeguard, first aid and CPR certificates.
- Emergency equipment, including at least 2 assist pools or life hooks, 2 life rings, rescues buoys or tubes. 24 unit first aid kit (Chapter IX appendix), spine board, telephone or other approved means of communication, bather rules conspicuously posted, distinguishing apparel and a whistle for each lifeguard.
- Bound log including date, time, results of chemical tests (done every 2 hours when in operation), initials person taking test, bather load, clarity and temperature of water.
- Turnover rate must be a minimum of 8 hours for pool, 2 hours for wading pools and .5 hours for spa.
- Water sample taken by a certified lab at least one week prior to opening with results to the health department a minimum of 5 days prior to opening. (Monday before Memorial Day or other opening day if not Memorial Day).

Please be reminded that chemical water quality standards for swimming and wading pools must be strictly adhered to as per Chapter IX 8:26-7.9. Pool not maintaining require parameters must be immediately closed by the pool operator and reopened only after required concentrations are met. Failure to comply will result is summonses being issued.

All pools must process a bonding and grounding certificate prior to opening verifying the electrical continuity and integrity of the bonding and grounding system of the pool. It would be issued by a recognized electrical testing agency and would be valid for five years from the date of issuance. **The certificate would be issued annually by the construction code official.**

Compliance with all of these requirements will ensure a timely opening.

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General Inspection Chapter IX

- 1.) All Bathing Places must be inspected a minimum of twice each year. More frequent inspections should be made where time and funds permit or local ordinance requires.
- 2.) Pool inspection forms as well as continuation sheets must be used.
- 3.) Any violation checked on the pool inspection form must have a corresponding narrative written identification of the specific deficiency.
- 4.) When conducting the inspection let the pool representative take the reading before you use your test kit. This should insure that they actually could take the readings.
- 5.) When conducting spot checks continuation sheet should be used. The pool form (checklist) should be used as a guide only.