

Pool checklist

These are minimal requirements for pool operation. Refer to [Minnesota Pool Code 4717](#) for complete requirements.

Pool Structure and Security

- Drain covers properly installed, in compliance
- Coping (ledge) is clean, smooth and in good repair
- Pool walls and bottom are clean, in good repair, and painted a light color
- Decking and walkways in good condition, with 5 feet accessibility clearance around the pool
- Fencing in good condition and meets safety requirements
- Doors and gates in good condition, self-closing, self-latching and lockable
- Ladders and handrails provided and secure
- Pool water clear and main drain easily visible
- Sufficient lighting provided during all hours pool is in operation

Lifesaving Equipment

- Lifepole or shepherd's crook (12 feet fixed length)
- Ring buoy with rope attached (rope must be pool width x 1½ long) or rescue tube when a lifeguard is present
- Marked "FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY"

Signage and Markings

- Pool and/or spa rules posted
- "NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY" in 4-inch lettering (when applicable)
- Pool capacity posted
- "NO DIVING" sign or universal "No Diving" 4-inch square symbol
- Step edges painted with dark contrasting stripe
- Depth transition line across the bottom and sidewalls of the pool marked with a 6" wide dark contrasting color
- Pool depths clearly marked on all sides of the pool

Documentation

- Certified trained pool operator certificate current and posted in pump room
- Drain cover paperwork and other specification sheets on site
- Operators manual accessible
- License current and posted
- Daily pool logs available

Equipment and Pump Room

- Pipes labeled and not leaking
- Filters clean and in good repair
- Heater and/or thermometer working
- Flow meter functional and accurate
- Disinfectant feeder with an integral antilock system
- Skimmers with weirs installed and clean
- Complete and properly stored chemical test kits (check for expired reagents)
- Pump room clean, organized and properly ventilated
- Chemicals labeled and stored properly

Water Chemistry (See Minneapolis Pool Concentration Chart)

- Chlorine or bromine
- Combined chlorine
- pH
- Alkalinity
- Cyanuric acid
- Water temperature is less than or equal to 104 degrees Fahrenheit

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