



# County of San Diego

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## SWIMMING POOL AND SPA SELF-INSPECTION CHECKLIST

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<input type="checkbox"/>	2. <b>Combined Chlorine</b> is maintained between <b>0.0 ppm - 0.4 ppm</b> .															
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. <b>pH</b> is maintained between <b>7.2 and 7.8</b> .															
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. <b>Cyanuric acid</b> is maintained at or below <b>100 ppm</b> .															
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>RECIRCULATION SYSTEM</b>															
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. <b>Recirculation system</b> is on and operable whenever pool is available for use.															
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. <b>Properly secured anti-entrapment covers</b> are provided and in good repair for main drain(s), equalizer lines, and all suction outlets.															
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. <b>Gauges</b> are installed and operating properly.															
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. <b>Flowmeter</b> is installed and operating properly.															
<input type="checkbox"/>	9. Approved <b>automatic chlorinator</b> is installed and operating properly.															
<input type="checkbox"/>	10. <b>Skimmer assembly</b> is maintained in good condition, including: <b>basket, weir, and diverter valve</b> . Maintain skimmer basket clean.															
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>SAFETY HAZARDS AND LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT</b>															
<input type="checkbox"/>	11. <b>Water is clean and clear</b> . Maximum depth of pool is clearly visible from the deck.															
<input type="checkbox"/>	12. <b>Water temperature</b> in a heated pool or spa does not exceed <b>104°F</b> .															
<input type="checkbox"/>	13. <b>Spa emergency shut-off switch</b> works properly.															
<input type="checkbox"/>	14. <b>Life ring (17 in. min.) with attached rope to span</b> width of pool from poolside is available.*															
<input type="checkbox"/>	15. <b>Body hook with attached 12 ft. (min.) pole</b> at poolside.* *Note: Pools exceeding 75 feet in length or 50 feet in width shall have a rescue pole and life ring that is available on at least 2 opposing sides of pool at centralized locations.															
<input type="checkbox"/>	16. <b>Safety signs posted in a conspicuous place and in good condition</b> .															

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>FENCING/DECKING</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	17. <b>Gates and doors</b> of the pool enclosure are <b>self-closing and self-latching</b> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	18. Pool/Spa enclosed with approved <b>fencing</b> (min. 5 feet high, max.* openings less than 4 inches) and no climbable structures within a 5 feet radius of fence. <i>*Fencing approved prior to July 1, 1994 may be approved at a minimum of 4 feet high.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	19. Unobstructed 4 feet min. <b>deck</b> is provided around entire pool and around at least 50% of spa.
<input type="checkbox"/>	20. Pool/spa <b>deck and coping</b> are in good repair.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>MAINTENANCE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	21. No <b>algae</b> in pool water, on sides, bottom, or on tiles.
<input type="checkbox"/>	22. <b>Pool light</b> is secure and in good operating condition.
<input type="checkbox"/>	23. All <b>tiles</b> on pool sides, on spa benches, and on spa steps are in good repair.
<input type="checkbox"/>	24. <b>Ladders and handrails</b> are available, secure (not loose), and in good repair.
<input type="checkbox"/>	25. All <b>restrooms and showers</b> are clean and in good repair.
<input type="checkbox"/>	26. <b>Warm water</b> (max. 110°F) is provided at all sinks and showers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	27. <b>Soap and towels</b> are provided in approved dispensers at all handsinks.
<input type="checkbox"/>	28. <b>Drinking fountain</b> is in good working order.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>OPERATIONS</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	29. <b>Current Health Permit</b> (or copy) posted on site (pump room, manager's office, etc.).
<input type="checkbox"/>	30. <b>Daily records</b> of pool maintenance and operations available for inspector's review.* <i>*Complexes with less than 25 units may record required information at least 2 times per week with no more than 4 days between readings. Maintain all records for at least 2 years.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	31. Pool is under the supervision of a <b>responsible person</b> while in operation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	32. <b>DPD test kit</b> is provided that measures free chlorine residual or bromine, pH, combined chlorine, and cyanuric acid (if used).

**The following violations will cause a Pool Closure if not corrected immediately:**

- Sanitizer level outside the approved range (low or high)
- pH outside the approved range
- The bottom of the pool at the maximum depth cannot be seen due to poor water clarity
- Main drain(s) cover(s) missing, broken, loose or not an approved anti-entrapment type
- Pool gates or doors not self-closing or self-latching
- Lack of any safety equipment
- Recirculation system not properly operating or off during posted hours of operation
- Water temperature above 104°F
- Any condition which may threaten the public health, welfare, and safety is found to exist and cannot be immediately corrected (e.g., fecal material in the water, gates locked in open position, foreign items in the pool or spa, emergency switch not properly operating, loose or missing underwater light, etc.)

***Who do I contact if I have questions?***

Contact your Inspector or Specialist on Duty at (858) 505-6900 or by email at [fhduyeh@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:fhduyeh@sdcounty.ca.gov).

***Who do I contact if I want to repair or modify my pool or pool equipment? CALL US BEFORE STARTING!***

Contact the Plan Check unit at (858) 505-6659 prior to repairing, modifying, or changing the following: recirculating equipment, plumbing, pumps, solar systems, heaters, pool fences, or decks. Be sure to also contact us before beginning any type of construction or remodeling to any pool, spa, wader, or spray feature.