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Newsletter

Designed to keep operators informed and engaged on current issues and trends.

Spring 2022

2022-2023 Permit Renewals

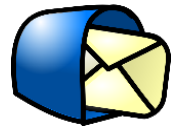
Renewal notices for the 2022-2023 permit year will be mailed out soon.

Fees are due by June 30, 2022!

If received July 1st through July 10th - \$75 late fee

If received July 11th through July 15th - \$100 late fee

Facilities that **do not** renew by July 15th are **subject to closure.**



VGBA Drain Covers – Are Yours Expiring?

The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Act (VGBA), which took effect in 2008, required that all licensed facilities be equipped with anti-entrapment drain covers and devices.



These devices have life spans as short as 5 years and it's the responsibility of the operators to ensure they are replaced prior to expiration. **Licensed pools and spas with expired covers will be subject to closure.** With opening season just a few weeks away, and supply chains issues delaying much needed equipment, it is crucial to verify you are in compliance ASAP!

See the DATCP link at the end of this newsletter for additional information, including a fact sheet and replacement log that can be used for tracking.

Lifeguard Staffing Plan



According to a 2014 survey by the Red Cross, over half of Americans report that they do not know how to swim. Having a lifeguard staffing plan is required by code and is important to keeping your patrons safe all season long.

Have you thought about updating your plan and guard placement? It is vital that your plan addresses the unique challenges of the varying activities that take place at your facility. Guard staffing demands will differ for events like open swim, swimming lessons, and swim meets.

The following is a great document help you develop and update your plan:
<https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/D-fd-18LifeguardStaffingPlan.docx>

Rock County New Website

Rock County recently revamped their website that went live in February 2022!

Please note that although the main URL remained the same, the Public Health Department address has changed. Please visit for useful information and links or to report any concerns you may have.

Rock County: <https://www.co.rock.wi.us/>

Public Health: <https://www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/public-health>

Chemical Safety

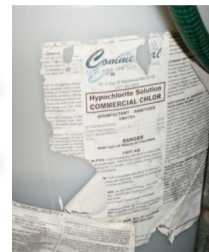
A CDC review of the death, injury, and illness report forms submitted by WI pool operators from 2008-2015 found that over half were related to chemical releases. A chemical release event is caused by the introduction of a hazardous liquid or gas into the pool basin and pool enclosure. It is usually caused by the accidental mixture of chlorine and an acid, which creates a deadly chlorine gas.

Regular inspections and maintenance of the chemical feeder system safeguards is needed to help prevent releases. It is also equally important to ensure all chemical containers are properly labeled.

ATCP 76.12 requires that all chemicals used in the operation and maintenance of pools, and bulk storage tanks containing the chemicals, shall be conspicuously labeled with:

- ◇ Name of the product
- ◇ Manufacturer's name and address
- ◇ Active ingredients
- ◇ Directions for use
- ◇ Hazardous ingredient warning
- ◇ EPA registration number

A container without a label is a **PRIORITY VIOLATION!**



Did You Know:

WHITE HOUSE 1975

After leaving his home pool in Alexandria and living in the Vice President's quarters (which at the time had no pool), President Gerald Ford wasted no time in constructing an outdoor inground pool on the White House lawn. A tunnel passage allows the First Family to reach the pool area without being seen by nosy reporters or spies!



TITANIC FIRST TO HAVE A SWIMMING POOL

A swimming pool aboard a luxury cruise liner was a new thing in those days. The pool was only 10x20' and filled with cold North Atlantic sea water, but to the serious exercise enthusiast with a long voyage and time to kill, it was a real joy!

We need your help!

Take our survey on children's swim parties

<https://forms.office.com/g/19UVTRd0GW>



Please visit the following site for pool related fact sheets, forms, and guidance:

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/WaterRecreation.aspx