



# Dive In

## Newsletter

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

## Pool Maintenance Tips

May marks the time of year when many public pools open their doors to swimmers looking to cool down or enjoy rising temperatures. Maintaining safe swimming conditions in order to prevent waterborne illnesses and injuries can be a challenging task for operators, especially during peak usage times. Here are some helpful tips to help overcome maintenance challenges and prevent common violations found by inspectors:

- ◆ Ensure personnel have convenient access to pool specifications that are needed to make repairs or water quality corrections.

- ◇ Pool water volume
- ◇ Turnover times
- ◇ Equipment records
- ◇ Drain cover expiration dates



- ◆ Test the pools water source to understand how pool chemistry values may be affected when adding fresh water.



- ◆ Maintain good backwashing practices

- ◇ Don't "over-backwash." Backwashing frequency should be determined by filter pressure and not the day of the week.
- ◇ Unless designed otherwise, turn off pumps when backwashing to prevent damage.
- ◇ Backwash at the proper speed based on your filters. Too fast can break laterals and too slow can cause clumping on filters.



- ◆ Ensure chlorine effectiveness by:

- ◇ Making sure swimmers shower beforehand
- ◇ Keeping pH at 7.2 to 7.5
- ◇ Keep cyanuric acid near 10 ppm



- ◆ Monitor deck cleaning chemicals to ensure they are not affecting pool chemistry.

- ◆ Ensure testing kit chemicals are not expired



## Pool Code Updates

Updates to Wisconsin's pool code, [ATCP 76](#), are currently in process and will likely go into effect later this year.

For proposed code changes and approval updates:

[https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/chr/all/cr\\_22\\_021](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/chr/all/cr_22_021)

### **2023-2024 PERMIT RENEWALS**

Renewal notices for the 2023-2024 permit year will be mailed out in early May.



#### **Fees are due by June 30th, 2023**

- If received July 1<sup>st</sup> through July 10<sup>th</sup> - \$80 late fee
- If received July 11<sup>th</sup> through July 15<sup>th</sup> - \$105 late fee
- Facilities that do not renew by July 15<sup>th</sup> are subject to closure



### **Did you Know**

The earliest known public pool is The Great Bath, which is located in Pakistan and estimated to be built around 5,000 years ago

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