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VGBA Drain Covers – Are Yours Expiring?



The end of 2018 marked the 10 year anniversary of the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Act. Please remember that these mandated drain covers have a set life span, which ranges from 5 to 20 years. It is the responsibility of the licensed pool and spa operators to ensure the covers are replaced before they expire.

Please check your records or consult with your installer to see when your pool and/or spa drain covers expire. **Pools and spas with expired VGBA drain covers will be subject to closure.**

Things to consider:

- Plan approval from the Department of Safety & Professional Services (DSPS) may be required for replacement covers that differ in model or size.
- Operators are required to maintain a VGBA drain & equalizer cover replacement log*.
- Don't wait until the last minute and risk closure! The process can be delayed due to product back order, required DSPS approval, or high installer demand.

*Log template & Factsheet: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/WaterRecreation.aspx

Chemical Safety

Pool chemicals are necessary to maintain the water quality in a pool or spa. The same chemicals that keep disease causing pathogens at bay can be dangerous themselves if not properly stored or used. Chemical safety training is not only important for operators, but also non-maintenance staff that work around chemicals. Below is a video we recommend sharing with all staff. It can serve as a refresher for already trained personnel or new training for other staff.

<https://waterandhealth.org/healthy-pools/pool-chemical-safety-theres-no-substitute-vigilance/>



Staffing Review



With the outdoor pool season fast approaching, now is the time to make sure your staffing needs and documentation are in order.

Lifeguards – Ensure lifeguard certifications are up-to-date and available for review at the pool.

Lifeguard Staffing Plan – Ensure your staffing plan meets the requirements of the current operation. Please remember that any changes need to be submitted to our department on form D-fd-18* for approval.

Reports – Are You In Compliance?

The pool code requires that operators complete and submit reports for certain pool activities or incidents:

1. Monthly operation report
 - Completed using the DATCP form F-fd-29*
 - Submitted to our department by the 10th day of the following month
 - Paper copies are accepted, but email is preferred.
 - Email to RCHealthDept@co.rock.wi.us or directly to your inspector
 - Kept on record for at least 2 years and available upon request
2. Death, Injury, or Illness Report
 - Required to be submitted by the end of the next working day for deaths, or serious injury or illness that requires emergency medical personnel assistance.
 - Completed using DATCP form F-fd-23*
 - Kept on record for at least 7 years
3. Fecal Accident Response Events
 - Recorded on DATCP form F-fd-18*
 - Kept on record for at least 2 years and available upon request.



2019-2020 Permit Renewals

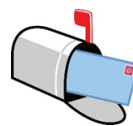
Renewal notices for the 2019-2020 permit year will be mailed out soon.

Fees are due by June 30, 2019.

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



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Did You Know?

In the U.S, there are:
~10 million private pools
~300,000 public pools

The first known swimming races were held in Japan in 36 B.C.

Surveys indicate that more than half of Americans do not know how to swim.

The earliest recorded swimming goggles were from Persia in the 14th century and made from tortoise shells.

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