Temporary Closure of Aquatic Facilities

# When must you temporarily close your pool/spa?

* The **emergency phone** on site is absent, **missing,** or **not functioning**;
* The **water chemistry** of the aquatic facility is **outside of required legal limits** or is **hazardous**

to public health and safety;

* + *This refers especially to levels of free chlorine, pH, and cyanuric acid/stabilizer.*

# Life saving equipment or signage is damaged or missing;

* The safety vacuum release system **(SVRS)(if required) is not working;**

# Drain or suction outlet covers become damaged or detached;

* The **bottom** of the aquatic facility **cannot be clearly seen** at any part of the water body;
* The aquatic facility **equipment ceases to circulate;**
* The facility **enclosure is damaged;**
* The **gates or doors** to the aquatic facility enclosure **fail to self-close and self-latch;**
* **An entanglement or entrapment hazard exists**, regardless of the age of the facility; OR

# Any other event exists that is hazardous to the health and safety of swimmers or of the general public

* + *Here are a few examples of other hazards that would require closure:*
    - *Potential electrical hazards;*
    - *Potential falling hazards (i.e. unsafe trees near the water);*
    - *Chemical spills in or near the facility enclosure;*
    - *After adding chemicals to the water/during hyperchlorination/etc.; or*
    - *After fecal contamination.*

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* **Secure and lock** all entrances into the aquatic facility enclosure. *This includes entrances because of a damaged enclosure—temporary fencing must meet all enclosure requirements.*
* **Post a sign** on all entrances reading **“Pool Closed”** in minimum **2” letters.**
* **If the Environmental Health inspector closes the facility,** you must not remove the sign that the inspector puts in place. You must also **call for reinspection** (903‐535-0037) and **get approval** from the Environmental Health inspector before reopening.