Environmental Health Pool Newsletter 2024



Are You Down With OPP? (Operating Pools Properly)

OPP

Maintaining chemical levels in a pool is very important, but don't overlook the smaller aspects of your pool's operation:



Keep soap at each showerhead so swimmers can wash up properly before getting in the water



Replace pool reagents that have expired

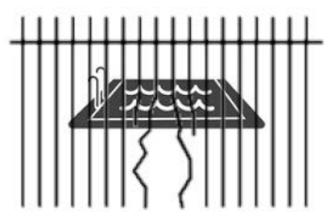


Move pool equipment and deck décor at least 4 feet from the pool's edge.

Reasons to Close the Pool

• EXPOSED ENCLOSURE

Below are scenarios that can create a route for unauthorized people to enter your pool. If left unaddressed, this could lead to a drowning incident (especially for toddlers).



The fence or surrounding structure has been severely damaged.



The doors and gates to the pool are no longer self-closing OR they open towards the pool.

CHEMICAL DOSING



Make sure there are no swimmers in the water before adding chemicals

DAMAGED DRAIN



Floor drains that are cracked, chipped or no longer screwed in must be corrected immediately before the pool can open



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MURKY WATER



Close the pool if you cannot see the bottom of the pool (including the floor drain).

NOTE: This may be due to low chlorine levels and/or old sand in the sand filter

• SICK SWIMMERS

Poop and vomit in the pool must be handled properly before reopening. Check the link for <u>cleaning tools</u>.



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