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Dear Pool and Spa Operators:

Northern Nevada Public Health (NNPH) records indicate that your pool/spa facility operates seasonally and will require an opening inspection prior to operating in 2024. The purpose of this letter is to prepare you for the opening process and the anticipated challenges of the upcoming season. If you believe you have received this letter in error, please do not hesitate to reach out regarding your facility status.

**Please be advised this agency experienced significant scheduling delays in 2023 due to limited inspection resources and inadequately prepared pool operators. This issue WILL continue in 2024. To minimize scheduling delays, NNPH strongly encourages you to schedule opening inspections to be performed during the month of April even if your pool/spa will not yet be made available to the public.**

Please see the attached Pool and Spa Opening Guide for specific items that will be inspected. Your pool operator should physically verify all listed items prior to scheduling any inspections. Failure to meet the listed items can result in reinspection fees (\$205 per body of water) to be paid prior to any reinspection and delayed reinspection scheduling (i.e., your inspection request will go to the back of the waiting list).

Opening inspections can be requested online by submitting the form at [Seasonal Pool and Spa Opening Inspection Request](#). **Please note that all pending permit renewal fees must be paid before the request is processed.**

Feel free to contact our office at 775-328-2434 (option #8) with questions or to make payments.

Sincerely,



Robert Fyda  
Division Director  
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# Pool and Spa Opening Guide

Critical Inspection Items. Any single deficiency will result in a failed opening inspection:

1. Certified Pool Operator (CPO) designated and current CPO certificate available for review.
2. Emergency phone available and operating.
3. Life-saving equipment available. Includes Shepard's hook and rescue tube with rope attached. Rope must be 1.5 times longer than the width of the pool.
4. Main drain covers firmly attached and clearly visible from the deck. Documentation of drain cover expiration dates available for review.
5. Operating above required minimum turnover rate. Verified by functioning flow meter.
6. Water quality:
  - Chlorine 1.0-10.0ppm
  - Bromine 3.0-8.0ppm
  - pH 7.0-8.0
  - Cyanuric acid less than 100ppm
7. Enclosures properly constructed and maintained; all gates self-closing and self-latching.
8. Any pool equipped with a single main drain must be testable to discontinue flow when a restriction is detected.
9. Fill water equipped with an air-gap (unless otherwise approved).
10. All pool/spa, deck, equipment surfaces provide no apparent hazard to bathers.
11. Lifeguards available (when required).
12. Chemicals safely stored per manufacturer instructions.
13. Spa temperature below 104 F.
14. Underwater lights securely installed.
15. Any pending correction from previous inspection with a defined due date prior to opening.

Non-Critical Inspection Items. Deficiency may result in a failed inspection, but inspector may exercise discretion:

1. Recirculation equipment in leak-free condition.
2. Informational and warning signage provided and clearly visible.
3. All handrails and ladders in tight condition.
4. Pool lighting operational.
5. Deck adequately drained.
6. Restrooms and showers accessible and maintained.
7. Water quality:
  - Alkalinity 80-120ppm
8. Test kit available. Testing reagents not expired.
9. Drinking water accessible.
10. A standard 16-unit first aid kit accessible and includes two emergency blankets.

*Please note that the above lists do not include every item that will be inspected. For a complete list of requirements please reference Nevada Administrative Code 444 – Public Bathing.*

Helpful Tips before scheduling inspection:

- Don't wait until the day of inspection to complete vacuuming and debris removal.
- Complete several days of water quality records prior to inspection.
- If you don't actively handle the pool/spa, please listen to the person actually maintaining to verify readiness.
- Read inspection results from the previous year.
- Please ask questions in advance!