

Aquatic Facility Rules Fact Sheet #2

What you should know about the Code

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CHAPTER 6.4.1.3

6.4.1.3 Safety and Maintenance Inspection and Recordkeeping

The QUALIFIED OPERATOR or RESPONSIBLE SUPERVISOR shall ensure that SAFETY and preventive maintenance inspections are done at the AQUATIC FACILITY during seasons or periods when the AQUATIC FACILITY is open and that the results are recorded in a log or form maintained at the AQUATIC FACILITY.

6.4.1.3.1 Daily Inspection Items

The QUALIFIED OPERATOR or RESPONSIBLE SUPERVISOR shall ensure that a daily AQUATIC FACILITY preventive maintenance inspection is done before opening...

PUBLIC HEALTH REASONS:

Daily inspections are essential for identifying hazards and preventing accidents before they occur. The safety of patrons and staff is crucial for the responsible operation of an aquatic facility. It is important to maintain proper water quality, ensure that the filtration system and other equipment are functioning correctly, identify and remove any hazards from the pool and deck areas, ensure that all safety equipment is available and in working order, and most importantly, document everything on a daily checklist.

Surveillance and Daily Inspection

Surveillance:

Facility management and supervision are crucial for preventing injury and illness in your facility.

All public facilities with $\geq 2,000$ sq ft of pool surface area must have at least one CPO-certified Qualified Operator on staff. This individual must have the authority to oversee the operation of the pool and the ability to close it if necessary.

Most limited use facilities are not required to have a full-time Qualified Operator on-site.

However, there must be a designated on-site Responsible Supervisor capable of testing and recording water quality parameters, making chemistry adjustments, and knowing general maintenance procedures. They should also understand when and how to close the aquatic venue if needed.

A Responsible Supervisor or an individual appointed by the owner must observe all aquatic venues in person every four hours during operation.

Daily Inspection:

Pool chemistry is the most important aspect of maintaining a healthy facility. Daily tests must include checks for water clarity, disinfectant levels, combined chlorine, and pH. These parameters must be assessed before opening and monitored every four hours during operation.

Additionally, other chemical levels should be checked at the following intervals: total alkalinity once a week, calcium hardness and cyanuric acid once a month, and total dissolved solids once every quarter.



Video or drone surveillance does not replace the need for supervision

Other important duties include ensuring that all operating systems are functioning properly, and that monitoring is conducted daily and more importantly, recorded. This involves maintaining and backwashing the filtration system, as well as checking the enclosure, safety equipment and deck surfaces.

It is also essential to clean surfaces to eliminate any accumulation of slime or biofilm. Additionally, all hygiene facilities must be kept clean, sanitary, and well-stocked for use by swimmers.

OHA has a [daily checklist](https://www.healthoregon.org/pl) for operators available online at: www.healthoregon.org/pl





Daily Inspection Checklist for Aquatic Venue Operators

Facility Name: _____ Date/Time: _____

Daily Inspection Items (6.4.1.3.1): The qualified operator or responsible supervisor shall ensure that a daily aquatic facility preventive maintenance inspection is conducted before opening. Please check each item as completed:

- ☐ Walkways/deck and exits are clear, clean, and free of debris.
- ☐ Drain covers, vacuum fitting covers, skimmer equalizer covers, and other suction outlet covers are in place, secure, and unbroken.
- ☐ Skimmer baskets, weirs, lids, flow adjusters, and suction outlets are free of any blockage.
- ☐ Inlet and return covers and other fittings are in place, secure, and unbroken.
- ☐ Safety warning signs and other signage are in place and in good repair.
- ☐ Safety equipment (as required by this code) is in place and in good repair, including emergency instructions and phone numbers.
- ☐ Entrapment prevention systems are operational.
- ☐ Recirculation, disinfection systems, controllers, and probes are operating as required.
- ☐ Secondary treatment and supplemental treatment systems are operating as required.
- ☐ Underwater lights and other lighting are intact with no exposed wires or water in lights.
- ☐ Slime and biofilm have been removed from accessible surfaces of aquatic venues, slides, and other aquatic features.
- ☐ Doors to nonpublic areas (e.g., chemical storage spaces and offices) are locked.
- ☐ First aid supplies (if supplied) are stocked.
- ☐ Emergency communication equipment and systems are operational.
- ☐ Fecal/vomit/blood incident contamination response plans, materials, and equipment are available.
- ☐ Water features and amenities are functioning per the manufacturer's recommendations.
- ☐ Fencing/enclosures, gates, and self-latching or other locks are tested, intact, and functioning properly, with no nearby furniture encouraging climbing.
- ☐ Drinking fountains (if required) are clean and functional.
- ☐ Electrical devices are in good working condition and meet safety requirements.
- ☐ Alarms (if required) are tested and functioning properly.
- ☐ Water clarity is assessed, ensuring the bottom and objects in the pool are clearly visible.
- ☐ Ensure water quality parameters are in the correct ranges (e.g., chlorine, pH, etc.)

Notes/Comments:
