



CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS CONSUMER HEALTH DIVISION

SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS: AQUATIC FACILITIES

Effective signage is one of the most important safety measures for an aquatic facility. Signage is important for three reasons:

- It informs users of dangers, safety issues and other relevant information.
- It offers some protection to the land manager and venue operator from litigation because of the duty of care owed by the land manager to warn users of dangers, prohibitions and other safety information.
- It provides an economical alternative to that of employing a person to stand and inform people of dangers.

All signs are required to be **durable, securely mounted, and visible to users.**

City of North Richland Hills currently **requires** the following signs for all aquatic facilities:

POOL SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS	State Pool Code Sec. 265.201 page 62-65 2018 ISPSC NRH Ordinance
Securely mounted, durable, inside the pool enclosure, visible, legible, have distinct border	
Can be multiple signs or messaging combined on one sign	
Where majority non-English speaking, additional signs optional in predominant language	
NRH Permit also required to be posted in public view, but can be in office/at front desk/etc.	
Additional signage required at discretion of Neighborhood Services (NRH ordinance)	
Following Signs in 4" Letters:	
"WARNING - NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY" (NA where lifeguards required/ provided)	
"NO DIVING" and international symbol. (NA where lifeguards required/provided)	
2018 ISPSC 412.1 Safety signage advising on danger of diving in shallow areas provided as required by the authority.	
"IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, DIAL 911"	
Following Signs in 2" Letters:	
Precise location of pool on or with the emergency phone	
Maximum user load limit	
"PETS IN THE POOL/SPA ARE PROHIBITED"	
"DO NOT SWIM IF YOU HAVE BEEN ILL WITH DIARRHEA WITHIN THE PAST 2 WEEKS"	
"CHANGING DIAPERS WITHIN 6 FEET OF THE POOL IS PROHIBITED"	
"GLASS ITEMS NOT ALLOWED IN THE POOL YARD"	
"PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 14 MUST NOT BE IN THE POOL/SPA WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION"	
"EXTENDED BREATH HOLDING ACTIVITIES ARE DANGEROUS AND PROHIBITED"	
Following Signs in 1" Letters	
Hours of Operation	
Instructional signs for wave pools/slide pools/etc.	
Sign posted to identify emergency phone/summoning device (posted above)	
If drinking water not located in enclosure, sign to notify users of location of drinking water	
Following Signs in Any Size Letters:	
Clear operating instructions posted at emergency phone/summoning device	
Emergency shutoffs for pools clearly labeled	

SPA SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS

State Pool Code Sec. 265.201 page 79-82
2018 ISPSC
NRH Ordinance

Securely mounted, durable, and visible from inside the spa enclosure, legible
 Can be multiple signs or messaging combined on one sign
 Where majority non-English speaking, additional signs optional in predominant language
 NRH Permit also required to be posted in public view, but can be in office/at front desk/etc.
 Additional signage required at discretion of Neighborhood Services (NRH ordinance)

Following Signs in 4" Letters:

"WARNING - NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY" (NA where lifeguards required/ provided)
 "NO DIVING" and international symbol for NO DIVING."
 2018 ISPSC 412.1 Safety signage advising on danger of diving in shallow areas provided as required by the authority.
 2018 ISPSC 509.2 Operational signs for spas:5) No Diving

Following Signs in 2" Letters:

Precise location of spa on or with the emergency phone
 "EMERGENCY SPA SHUTOFF"
 "PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 14 MUST NOT BE IN THE POOL/SPA WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION"
 "PETS IN THE SPA ARE PROHIBITED"
 "DO NOT SWIM IF YOU HAVE BEEN ILL WITH DIARRHEA WITHIN THE PAST 2 WEEKS"

Following Signs in 1" Letters

Maximum User Load
 "DO NOT USE THE SPA IF THE WATER TEMPERATURE IS ABOVE 104 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT"
 Sign posted to identify emergency phone/summoning device (posted above it)
 If drinking water not located in enclosure, sign to notify users of location of drinking water

Following Signs in Any Size Letters:

2018 ISPSC 504.1.1 The following statements shall appear on a sign that is posted in a location that is visible from the spa: "Alarm indicates spa pumps off. Do not use spa when alarm sounds and light is illuminated until advised otherwise."
 2018 ISPSC 509.2 Operational signs for spas:
 (1) "Do not allow the use of or operate spa if the suction outlet cover is missing, damaged, or loose."
 (2) "Keep breakable objects out of the spa area."
 (3) "Spa shall not be operated during severe weather conditions."
 (4) "Never place electrical appliances within 5 feet of the spa."....
 2018 ISPSC 509.4 Clock must be visible to spa users.

All Public Interactive Water Features (PIWFs) or fountains must have the following signage in minimum 2-inch letters clearly visible to users entering the PIWF before contact with the water occurs:

- "NON-SERVICE ANIMALS PROHIBITED"
- "CHANGING DIAPERS INSIDE THE ENCLOSURE IS PROHIBITED"
- "USE OF THE WATER FEATURE IF ILL WITH A CONTAGIOUS DISEASE IS PROHIBITED"
- "USE OF THE WATER FEATURE IF ILL WITH DIARRHEA IS PROHIBITED"
- "DO NOT DRINK WATER FROM THE WATER FEATURE"
- "SWIM DIAPERS REQUIRED FOR SWIMMERS NOT TOILET TRAINED"

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED SIGNAGE:

- Contact information for Certified Pool Operator.
- Directions to nearest restrooms.
- CPR instructions.