

Temporary Closure of Aquatic Facilities

When must I temporarily close my pool/spa/etc?

- 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 safety equipment or signage is damaged or missing**;
- The required safety vacuum release system (**SVRS**) 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.*

During a temporary closure, you must:

- **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 Consumer Health inspector closes the facility**, you must not remove the sign that the inspector puts in place. You must also **call for reinspection** (817-427-6650) and **get approval** from the Consumer Health inspector before reopening.

