

EMAIL TO OPERATORS FOR NEW POOL CODE UPDATES:

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protections (DATCP) has updated the Wisconsin Pool code ATCP 76. This is now in effect as of September 24th, 2023. In order to update you, the pool operator, we have summarized some of the major changes that may affect your establishment.

Don't worry, we will work with you in regards to these changes!
Some of the major changes include (but are not limited to):

LICENSING CATEGORY

Pools will now be placed in a **category**, (Simple, Moderate, or Complex). This will be further discussed during the routine inspection. You can see the [complexity category calculator](#) to see how the licensing categories are determined.

ACTIVE MANAGERIAL CONTROL

If your pool has 2+ re-inspections within 3 years, you will be required to have a Certified Pool Operator. To avoid this please be sure to correct violations each year! Pool closing criteria has also changed. Please know and understand the [closing criteria](#) to avoid unexpected closures by the department.

CHEMICAL PARAMETERS

- Bromine parameters have been lowered from 3-10 PPM.
- Cyanuric Acid above 300 PPM is now the closing criteria.
- Maximum temperature of swimming pools is now 90°F.
- [Combined Chlorine Management Plan](#) is a new requirement to help control combined chlorine.

SAFETY

- First aid kit contents have been streamlined – [see code here for list](#)
- Cell Phones as emergency phone variances have been eliminated, now they must meet code requirements. These can be found [here](#).
- New signage required that children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian in non-lifeguarded pools.
- New signage or messaging that **breath holding** contests in a pool are not allowed.
- For **interlock testing**, you are not required to demonstrate this during an inspection, but you must be able to describe this during the inspection. Also, this should be documented on your monthly log.

VGBA (Maindrains and Equalizers)

All pools must have their pump curve, drain cover log, and receipts of replacement for VGBA Cover Replacement. Please see the [VGBA Drain and Equalizer Cover Replacement Log](#). We recommend utilizing this for your system. New pools constructed after **July 1st, 2023** are required to keep their pool construction plans on site.

LIFEGUARD ACTIVITIES

- [Lifeguard Staffing Plan](#) if applicable has been updated. Please take time to review and if there is anything that is missing, please add to your plan. This will include adding a diagram for EACH use of the pool with both average and maximum capacity.
- Lifeguard certification requirements are now requiring **annual** CPR courses. See list of approved courses [here](#).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

[Revisions to ATCP 76 overview from DATCP](#)

[ATCP 76: Safety, Maintenance and Operation of Public Swimming Pools](#)

[DATCP Public Swimming Pools website](#)

[ATCP 76 Question and Answer](#)

Please contact your regular inspector with any additional questions!

Thank You