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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH POOL NEWSLETTER

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*******IMPORTANT RENEWAL NOTICE*******

LATE FEES HAVE BEEN REINSTATED FOR LICENSES IN 2022. The 2022 Pool/Spa license must be paid PRIOR to opening the pool. A \$100 fee will incur for each month the license is not paid.



We apologize for the inconvenience but we are unable to accept payment over the phone at this time.

If you are paying by Visa, Mastercard, Discover or American Express Marion County uses a third party credit card payment company Elavon, which charges a service fee of 2.65%. The service fee is identified in your statement as a separate transaction for Elavon. Please arrive to our office no later than 4:45 pm for payment. If you have not received your invoice please call **(503) 588-5346** or email us EnvironmentalHealth@co.marion.or.us.

Overlooked Pool Maintenance:



- **Emergency Phone** – Make sure your emergency phone still works. The address of the pool facility should also be posted in the pool area.



- **Unlocked Equipment/Pump Room** – Keep doors or gates used to access pool mechanical equipment and chemical locked.

- **Posted Rules** – Verify that you have a current version of the [Pool](#) and [Spa](#) rules posted.

- **Poor Test Kit Care** – Ensure reagents are used prior to their expiration date. Colored reagents and those in brown bottles usually have shorter shelf lives. Remember to keep test kits out of direct sunlight and never store with chemicals.



The Top Three Violations Cited In 2021

Testing, Testing, 1 2 3

If you are unsure how often the chemical levels in your pool or spa should be checked, please review the chart below for minimum testing frequencies. Click the links to access the updated daily logs for Pools and Spas.

	<u>POOL</u>		<u>SPA</u>	
Free Chlorine (FAC)	Indoor	Every 4 hours	When Using Stabilized Chlorine	Every 2 hours
	Outdoor <i>(Cyanuric acid below 30ppm)</i>	Every hour	When Using Non-Stabilized Chlorine	Every hour
	Outdoor <i>(Cyanuric Acid 30-150ppm)</i>	Every 4 hours		
Combined Chlorine	Once a Day <i>(Recommend testing with FAC)</i>		Once a Day <i>(Recommend testing with FAC)</i>	
pH	Once a Day		Every 2 hours	
Total Alkalinity	Once a Week		Once a Day	
Cyanuric Acid	Once a Month <i>(If using stabilized chlorine)</i>		Once a Week <i>(If using stabilized chlorine)</i>	
Calcium Hardness	Once a Week <i>(recommended)</i>		Once a Week <i>(recommended)</i>	

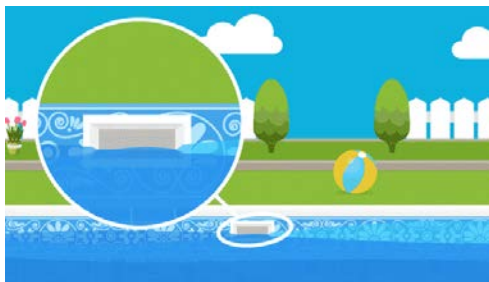
Flowmeters



A working flow meter must be installed and located where it is easily readable. This will help you verify that enough water is recirculating through the piping to meet the required turnover rate. And remember: **If the float doesn't move, your inspector won't approve.**



Skimmer Where?



Pool skimmers help remove trash, debris, and other items from the top surface of the water.

Having issues keeping the skimmer weirs in place?

Then you may find it beneficial to install screw-in skimmer weirs or skimmer baskets.

