



COLUMBUS PUBLIC HEALTH
Water Protection Program
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Public Swimming Pool Closure Form
 (APPLICATION FORM) for 2006

- (a) No public swimming pool shall be closed either temporarily or permanently unless the owner of the property on which the pool is located first makes application to the Health Commissioner for a permit authorizing such closing.
- (b) The applicant for such a permit shall complete an application form provided for that purpose by the Health Commissioner and shall include with the application a detailed safety plan outlining the safety procedures that will be implemented when the pool is closed.
- (c) One of the following four alternatives shall be chosen by the licensee **before the end of August** each year so as to meet the closure requirements.

(please check one)

- Completely drain pool and maintain so for the period of closure. Provide security fence in accordance with Section 227.02(a) and Columbus City Code 1959, Section 709.07. [42 inches high for pools built prior to 1/1/94; 48 inches high otherwise.] Provide a responsible person to inspect the facilities at least twice per month during closure, correct violations or other problems and record such inspections. Provide name, address and phone number of person to whom the Health Commissioner can direct orders or make other communications.
- Either leave pool filled or partially drain pool to depth recommended by designer or installer and provide a complete cover of sufficient strength to support the weight of a person up to 225 pounds walking or crawling on it. Provide a security fence as an alternative to subsection (c) (1) hereof. Provide a responsible person to inspect at least twice per month, correct violations and record such inspections.
- Partially drain the pool to a depth recommended by the designer or installer. Provide a security fence at least six feet high. Provide a responsible person to inspect weekly, to correct violations and record such inspections.
- Partially drain pool in accordance with recommendations by the pool designer or installer. Provide a security fence in accordance with Section 227.02(a) and Columbus City Codes 1959, Section 709.07. [42 inches high for pools built prior to 1/1/94; 48 inches high otherwise.] This alternative can only be used when there is a responsible, designated on-site resident pool manager or resident manager who has frequent observance of the pool. Such manager shall inspect the pool weekly during closure to correct violations and record such inspections.
- (d) For any alternative the Health Commissioner shall provide forms to be maintained by the management for recording management inspections and actions.
- (e) For any alternative the owner or management of each pool shall provide:
 - (1) Access to the closed pool in the event that the pool cannot be viewed adequately from outside the fence or other enclosure.
 - (2) Securely locked gates or doors giving direct access to the swimming pool; to be kept locked except for inspectional, maintenance or emergency purposes.
 - (3) Security reports shall be kept in a mutually agreed location with the Health Commissioner.
 - (4) Place large conspicuous warning signs on each entrance gate. Each sign shall include the words "Danger" - "Pool or Spa Closed" in bold face print.

Pool Name:
 Pool Address:
 Pool ID#

Contact Person(s): _____ Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____ Signature & Date: _____

SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE COLUMBUS PUBLIC HEALTH (AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS)
KEEP THE ENCLOSED SECURITY REPORT & POOL INSPECTION FORMS FOR YOUR RECORDS

