

**To: ALL POOL OPERATORS AND OWNERS**

**Subject: POWER SAVINGS AND POWER OUTAGES**

Please note that all public pools and spas must operate under the requirements of the California Health and Safety Code and the California Code of Regulations. These legal requirements govern what you may or may not do. Failure to comply with the regulations may result in injury, illness or death to you or your patrons.

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- **Pools and spas must have continuous filtration and disinfection for the entire time that the unit is open and available for swimmers.**
  - **Filtration and disinfection must also extend beyond the swim hours for as long as is needed to maintain clarity and to maintain disinfection in the pool or spa.**
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- **If the power to the pool or spa goes out for any reason then you must**
    - Ask all of the patrons to exit from the water
    - Close the pool and/or spa
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- **When the power comes back on you must do the following before allowing patrons to re-enter the water.**
- Ensure that the disinfectant is up to the legal level and that the pH is within the legal range.
  - Chlorine at least 1.0 ppm (at least 1.5 ppm if there is cyanuric acid [stabilizer] in the water.)
  - pH must be within 7.2 to 8.0 [recommended is 7.4 to 7.6]
- The filtration must have operated long enough to clear the pool. [The bottom must be visible and the pool must be clean.]