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POWER SAVINGS AND POWER OUTAGES

All public pools and spas must meet the requirements of the California Health and Safety Code and the California Code of Regulations. Pools and spas must have continuous filtration and disinfection the entire time that they are open to the public. Filtration and disinfection must also extend beyond the pool and spa operating hours for as long as needed to maintain clarity and to maintain disinfection in the pool or spa.

IF THE POWER TO THE POOL OR SPA GOES OUT FOR ANY REASON

Pool operator must ask all patrons to exit from the water and close the pool and/or spa immediately.

WHEN THE POWER COMES BACK ON

Pool operator must ensure that the disinfectant level and the pH is within the legal range before allowing patrons to re-enter the water. The filtration must have operated long enough to clear the pool. The main drains of the pool must be visible, and the pool water must be clean.

Public Pools:

Free Chlorine: 1.0-10.0 ppm *without* cyanuric acid/chlorine stabilizer.

2.0-10.0 ppm or higher if there is cyanuric acid/chlorine stabilizer.

pH: 7.2 to 7.8 (7.4 to 7.6 ideal).

Public Spas, Wading Pools, and Spray Grounds:

Free Chlorine: 3.0-10.0 ppm.

pH: 7.2 to 7.8 (7.4 to 7.6 ideal).

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