

POWER OUTAGES AT PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS AND SPAS

Rolling blackouts or other unexpected events may occasionally cause a loss of power. During a power outage, steps should be taken to ensure the safety of the swimming pool and/or spa at your facility.

Power outage during daylight hours of operation:

1. Close pool within 15 to 30 minutes of power outage.
2. Turn recirculation systems off.
3. Turn any additional pool related electrical equipment off.
4. Leave a light or small appliance (radio) turned on so you can quickly tell when power has been restored.

Power outage during nighttime hours of operation:

1. Close pool immediately. Direct all bathers out of and away from the water.
2. Check bottom of pool with flashlight to ensure all bathers are out of the water.
3. Check restrooms for anyone who may have fallen or become injured in the dark.
4. Follow daylight hour's guidelines steps 2 - 4.

After the power comes back on:

1. Turn recirculation system on in stages if more than one pump is involved in the system.
2. Test water chemistry to ensure water quality standard is met.
3. Reset all timer clocks for lighting and recirculation systems.
4. Ensure the spa emergency shut-off switches are working properly.
5. Once you have verified that all pool equipment is operating properly and that the water quality is satisfactory, the pool can be reopened.

The California Code of Regulations (Section 65525) and California Health and Safety Code (Sections 116040 and 116043) require the water in public pools be recirculated and maintained in a sanitary, healthful and safe manner during hours of operation.

If you need more information:

Call the Sacramento County Environmental Management Department at (916) 875-8440.