



Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency
Community Health Services Branch/Environmental Health Division



Reducing Water Usage at Pool & Spa Facilities

1. Use pool/spa cover when pool/spa is closed to reduce the loss of water due to evaporation. Consider safety in the selection of a cover and consult a qualified pool/spa professional.
2. Monitor filling the pool/spa with water:
 - a. Avoid overfilling, too full can increase water loss caused by splashing.
 - b. Avoid overflowing and prevent water runoff loss.
 - c. Use a water metering device when refilling pool/spa. A large increase in water necessary to fill pool/spa may indicate leakage.
3. Have your pool/spa evaluated for leaks of the plumbing system and the pool/spa shell by a qualified pool/spa professional.
4. Consider a cartridge filtering system. Cartridges can be removed and cleaned without backwashing. Use a qualified pool/spa professional if changing to a cartridge filtering system.
5. Check the filter's pressure gauge to determine when the filter needs cleaning or backwashing.
6. Routinely perform water quality tests at least once a day. If operational hours and/or bather load increases perform additional tests during the day. Maintaining good chemical balance and clarity will reduce filter cleaning or backwashing frequency and the need to dump and refill water to regain chemical balance and clarity.

Remember to contact the Mendocino County Environmental Health Division to determine plan review requirements prior to repairs or installations.

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