



County of Santa Cruz

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Important Notice

Attention Public Swimming Pool and Spa Owners/Operators:

Effective January 1, 2010, the State of California has enacted legislation that amends the Health and Safety Code relating to swimming pools. This legislation was enacted in response to the Federal Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act of 2008 (VGB). The legislation requires the following:

1. Public swimming pools to be equipped with anti-entrapment devices that meet ASME/ANSI or ASTM performance standards.
2. Owners of public swimming pools to file a form to indicate compliance with the requirements as specified.
3. Authorizes the State to assess a \$6 annual fee for carrying out the duties under the bill.
4. Public swimming pools are to be retrofitted **no later than July 1, 2010**.

The Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Service will issue permit renewals that will expire on June 30, 2010. Those swimming pools that are in compliance by July 1, 2010 will be automatically renewed for the remainder of the year at no additional cost. Those pools, which have not completed the retrofit, will not have the permit renewed and must close until compliance is achieved.

For pools and spas that have NOT retrofitted as per VGB requirements

1. Consult a qualified pool contractor to determine any necessary modifications to the swimming pool to comply with the new anti-entrapment standards.
2. Submit a minor plan review application along with all supporting information. Your contractor can do this on your behalf.
3. Once approved, complete the retrofit and schedule a final inspection.
4. Complete and submit the State compliance form signed by the qualified pool contractor.

For pools and spas that have completed the retrofit as per VGB requirements

1. Schedule a final inspection if you have not done so already.
2. Complete and submit the State compliance form signed by the qualified pool contractor.

Additional Information

1. The State law requires that County Environmental Health Departments bill the swimming pool owner for the \$6 annual fee. This fee is included on your permit renewal invoice.
2. The State compliance form will be posted on the County Environmental Health Service website when it becomes available.
3. For plan review requirements, applications and a copy of the State law please refer to the County Environmental Health Service website.

http://sccounty01.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/eh/consumer_protection/consumer_protection_home.htm

If you need further clarification or have any questions please contact the Environmental Health Service at (831) 454-2022.