



Abandoned Pool/Pool Not In Use Correction Form

Name of Property: _____
Property Address: _____
Person in Charge (PIC) Name: _____
Person in Charge Number & Email: _____

DeKalb Public Health requires a determination of whether the pool or spa at the above address is in compliance with Chapter 13, Article VIII of DeKalb County’s Health Regulations, pertaining to swimming pools and spas, and Chapter 13, Article III Nuisances. The owner, permit holder, or designee must maintain a pool in such condition that it will not create a safety hazard, or a nuisance as defined in these articles.

The following steps must be taken to address the inquiry:

1. Determine the type of pool at the above address based upon review of the attached definitions document (abandoned or not in use).
2. If the pool is defined as not in use, then the following conditions must be met:
 - a. The pool must be maintained in safe and sanitary condition. (refer to definition) b. Provide letter intent to Board of Health that includes:
 - i. Explain the reason why the pool or spa is not in use.
 - ii. Specify approximate intended date to re-open the pool or spa.
 - iii. Outline the intended course of action for reopening the pool or spa.
 - iv. Provide any documentation available to verify intended course of action.
3. If the pool is defined as abandoned, then the following actions must be taken:
 - a. The owner, permit holder or designee for any abandoned pool shall create an opening through the shell of the bottom of the pool for drainage and fill the entire pool with clean earth. Neither an abandoned pool nor a pool not in use shall be allowed to create a nuisance under law.

***A letter of intent stating the reason the pool is not in use and outlining the timeline for addressing the necessary corrections to make pool in operating condition as described in DeKalb County Swimming Pool & Spa Code must be submitted within 30 days of the date below. Failure to submit a letter of intent in writing within 30 days will result in the pool being classified as abandoned under Sec. 13-187 of the pool code.**

Date:	Person in Charge Signature	Title	Inspector Signature
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*Signature verifies receipt of Swimming Pool and Spa Definitions with Maintenance Conditions on this date.

Abandoned pool means a pool which the owner and/or permit holder has permanently ceased using (usually resulting in a nuisance) or a pool upon which the pool contractor or builder has ceased construction. The owner, permit holder or designee for any abandoned pool shall create an opening through the shell of the bottom of the pool for drainage and fill the entire pool with clean earth. **Neither an abandoned pool nor a pool not in use shall be allowed to create a nuisance under law.**

Pools not in use. Any pool that is closed, not open, not in use or operation, or seasonal pools that are closed until the next swim season, shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. **Neither an abandoned pool nor any pool not in use shall be allowed to create a nuisance under law.**

For a pool to continue to be classified as pool not in use, the following conditions must be maintained:

- All entry points must be locked and “pool closed” signs must be posted at each entry point.
- An effective barrier as defined in the pool code must be in place and in good condition.
- Any pool feature (e.g. Skimmers) that can hold water and potentially breed mosquitoes must be drained or covered.
- The pool must be covered with a safety cover.
- The safety cover must be anchored to the deck and the cover cannot permit water to pond on top of it.
- The safety cover should be able to hold 300 pounds.
- Pump room must be locked and secured.
- All chemicals must be stored in sealed containers and locked away.
- Pool enclosure kept free from accumulation of trash and debris.

Closed pool means a pool, including all areas within the pool enclosure, that are inaccessible to bathers by closing and securing all entry points into the pool enclosure, and is posted with a conspicuous sign “pool closed” at each entry point, as ordered by the department.

Not open means any pool that has been closed by the pool owner, permit holder or designee with all entry points secured and posted with a conspicuous sign that reads “Pool Closed”.

Seasonal pool means a pool that is open for a few months during the calendar year, is then closed and reopens the next year during the same time period.



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