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*Martin County Health Department*  
**FACT SHEET FOR OPENING A NEW FACILITY**  
**Pools, Spas, Water Features**

Public Pools and Bathing Places in the State of Florida are governed by 64E-9, Florida Administrative Code\* and Florida Statutes Title XXXIII, Chapter 514\*\* and the Florida Building Code

1. All public pools, spas, water features, etc. must be engineer designed. **Construction plans** should be submitted to the local building department. All communication regarding the building of your pool will be with that office.
2. If the facility is serviced by a private septic system rather than public sewer, it is recommended that you make an appointment with the onsite sewage treatment and disposal system staff **BEFORE** you submit your plans to the local building department.
3. If the facility is serviced by a well rather than public utility, it is recommended that you make an appointment with the well water staff **BEFORE** you submit your plans to the local building department. (You may be referred to another agency depending on the review.)
4. After the pool is built and inspected by the local building department that issued the construction permit, you must obtain a **public pool annual operating permit** from the county health department. Submit a **completed application** for an annual operating permit to the Martin County Health Department together with the required permit fee. The application is at: <http://www.myfloridaeh.com/water/swim/docs/dh916.rtf>
5. Within two weeks of submission, you will be contacted to schedule an **opening inspection**.
6. If the local building department has not provided the Martin County Health Department with a copy of your approved construction plans for your pool, spa or water feature, you will need to provide a copy of the approved plans with your application. It will also be necessary to provide any keys or codes needed to access the pool or spa area (including the bathrooms) as well as the equipment area.

Additional information regarding this permit and the requirements associated with it, including information on possible exemptions from Florida Department of Health Operating Rules, can be found at the Department of Health website at:

<http://www.myfloridaeh.com/water/swim/index.html>

If you have questions, please feel free to contact:

Martin County Health Department  
(772) 221-4090

\* Available at

[http://www.myfloridaeh.com/water/swim/pdfs/64E-9\\_FAC\\_Draft\\_Rev7\\_no\\_strike.pdf](http://www.myfloridaeh.com/water/swim/pdfs/64E-9_FAC_Draft_Rev7_no_strike.pdf)

\*\* Available at

[http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App\\_mode=Display\\_Statute&URL=Ch0514/titl0514.htm&StatuteYear=2009&Title=%2D%3E2009%2D%3EChapter%20514](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=Ch0514/titl0514.htm&StatuteYear=2009&Title=%2D%3E2009%2D%3EChapter%20514)