

Section IV

Specialty Pools

This section concentrates on pools and topics that are slightly different from the standard residential or public pool. Chapter 16 discusses hot tubs and spas, which is probably the fastest growing area in the swimming pool industry. Of particular interest in this chapter is “hot water chemistry.” The reader will find that as water temperature increases, so do the challenges for the hot water pool owner or operator. Typically, hot tubs and spas require higher levels of disinfectant and much more attention to water balance. TDS is also a problem in this environment. Many different safety concerns are also outlined in this chapter.

Chapter 17, Water Parks and Theme Parks, is written by an expert in this area, P.J. Heath. P.J. is a highly regarded author and speaker who specializes in all phases of water park operations. This chapter presents a wealth of information that will assist the reader in establishing a risk management program for water parks. Water parks entertain many more patrons than standard pools and thus require closer supervision. These parks also offer tremendous variety in their attractions. Rides, special park procedures, and guarding techniques are discussed in detail.

Chapter 18 concentrates on winterizing procedures for seasonal pools. Both residential and public pools are considered in this discussion. The underlying theme of this chapter is that winterizing is important and must be taken seriously. More damage can occur to a swimming pool and its equipment during the off-season than during the hottest summer months. It is also emphasized that organization is the key to good winterizing.

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