

NOTICE TO ALL POOL AND SPA MANAGERS

DRAIN COVER EXPIRATION DATES

The Virginia Graeme Baker (VGB) Pool and Spa Safety Act which was signed into law in 2007 spelled-out provisions which every drain cover, or suction outlet, is required to meet in order to be made available for use. The drain cover manufacturer should provide a certification document with each drain cover stating that it complies with the requirements of the VGB Act. If there is no mark or you are otherwise in doubt, contact the manufacturer and ask for a copy of the certificate. The following information should be printed directly on the drain cover:

- Use—single or multiple
- Flow rate GPM
- Life or the number of years
- Wall and/or floor mount
- Manufacturer's name
- Model number
- Flow Rates and Single Drains

The “life or the number of years” indicates when the drain cover has reached its expiration date. Once this date has been reached, the cover needs to be replaced with a new one to remain in compliance with the VGB Act.

The Cuyahoga County Board of Health strongly encourages you to keep a record of where and when you purchased the cover and its installation. It is also recommended to retain a copy of the paperwork for all drain covers with your recordkeeping documents for quick reference. This paperwork will come in handy when looking for information on expiration dates and recall notices.