
Overview

This standard covers the maintenance of pools and water features.

The typical materials and equipment you would use include: rocks and concrete, plastic ridged or flexible liners, electrically powered pumps and filters.

Electrical work should only be completed by a competent and qualified electrician.

If you are working with machinery you need to be appropriately trained or certificated in line with current legislation.

You must carry out your work in a way which will minimise any impact on the natural environment and enhance its nature, conservation and recreational value.

**Performance
criteria**

You must be able to:

- P1 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies
- P2 select, prepare and use tools, equipment and machinery relevant to the agreed specifications
- P3 inspect the integrity of pools or water features
- P4 identify potential defects
- P5 select methods to maintain pools and water features
- P6 check the pool or water feature on completion of work making sure it is safe and fit for purpose
- P7 deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with legislation
- P8 restore the site to an appropriate condition following completion of the work
- P9 minimise unwanted damage to services and surroundings
- P10 complete records as appropriate

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 your responsibilities under current environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies
- K2 how to carry out inspections of pools and water features
- K3 the importance of carrying out inspections according to schedule
- K4 the types of problems that are likely to occur with pools and water features and how to deal with them
- K5 the type of damage that is likely to occur to services and surroundings and how to keep this to a minimum
- K6 why it is important to keep working areas clean and tidy during the operation
- K7 why it is important to complete work to the agreed schedule
- K8 the importance of restoring the site to a clean and tidy condition
- K9 the records which need to be completed
- K10 how to handle, transport and dispose of waste in accordance with legal and organisational requirements

Glossary

Specifications: drawings, schedules, method statements, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), manufacturers' guidelines.

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