

Pool water-loss observation guide

A practical worksheet for recording a repeatable pattern, preparing safe access, and bringing clearer questions to an independent professional.



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Use limit

This guide does not diagnose a condition, locate a leak, provide repair instructions, or replace manufacturer guidance or an on-site professional.

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1. Build a comparable waterline record

Choose one safe, fixed reference point. Record ordinary conditions instead of creating unusual equipment states. A single observation does not confirm a leak.

Date and time	_____
Waterline mark	_____
Pump state	_____
Rain / wind	_____
Pool use	_____
Water added	_____

- ☐ I used the same safe reference point.
- ☐ I noted rain, wind, swimmers, splash-out, backwashing, and cleaning.
- ☐ I recorded water added without estimating a diagnosis.

Safety boundary
Do not run equipment dry, open electrical or pressurized equipment, alter valves, drain the pool, excavate, or enter unsafe areas based on this worksheet.

2. Record visible context

From a safe position, note what you actually see or hear. Avoid turning a clue into a conclusion.

Observation	Date / condition / location
☐ Recurring wet or eroded ground	
☐ Air bubbles during normal operation	
☐ Visible equipment-area moisture	
☐ Crack, gap, or fitting change	
☐ Water appears to settle near a level	

Recent pool, equipment, plumbing, surface, or deck work

Work / date	
What changed	
Who performed it	

3. Prepare access and questions

Tell the provider about known hazards before arrival. Confirm access expectations directly.

- [] Gate and ordinary equipment-area access are understood.
- [] Pets and occupied-property limits are planned.
- [] Known electrical, flooding, footing, or structural hazards are disclosed.
- [] An authorized adult can approve the evaluation scope.

Questions for the provider

Included areas	
Testing limits	
Finding format	
Separate repair?	
Credentials	
Total proposed price	

Detection and repair may be separate
Ask whether the evaluation price includes written findings, marked locations, return visits, repair, restoration, permits, warranties, or follow-up testing. Approve added work in writing.

4. Lakeland and Polk County source check

Time-sensitive water restriction
The City of Lakeland page reviewed July 30, 2026 reported Phase III restrictions through October 1, 2026 and said restrictions can change sooner. Recheck the official page before acting.

City of Lakeland - Customer Resources

<https://www.lakelandgov.net/departments/water-utilities/customer-resources/>
Accessed July 30, 2026

City of Lakeland - Irrigation Restrictions

<https://www.lakelandgov.net/irrigation>
Accessed July 30, 2026

Florida DBPR - How to Verify a License

<https://www2.myfloridalicense.com/how-to-verify-a-license/>
Accessed July 30, 2026

Florida DBPR - Construction Industry

<https://www2.myfloridalicense.com/construction-industry/>
Accessed July 30, 2026

EPA WaterSense - Fix a Leak Week

<https://www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week>
Accessed July 30, 2026

Final handoff summary

Primary concern	
Pattern start	
Pool type	
Best contact	
Access limits	
Main question	

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