

# LABOR POOLS

## A Division of Birth Matters! Midwifery Services

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### Portable Labor Pool Rental Contract

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_ (business) \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Due Date \_\_\_\_\_ Which baby? 1st \_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Please read the following information carefully:

Under the terms of this contract **LABOR POOLS** agrees to do the following:

1. Set up in your home a sanitized, inspected portable labor pool prior to your due date.
2. Provide instructions and accessories for the care and maintenance of the pool (see page2).
3. Dismantle and remove the pool within a reasonable time after being notified of the birth, leaving the pool location clean and neat.
4. Rent the pool for a period of **up to** four (4) weeks, beginning on the day we set up the pool and ending within 72 hours of the birth.

Under the terms of this contract the undersigned agrees to the following:

1. That **LABOR POOLS** recommends all births be attended by experienced birth professionals.
2. That the rental period is up to four (4) weeks beginning on the date the pool is set up.
3. That the rental pool is specifically limited to indoor use.
4. To take all responsibility for the manner in and purpose for which the pool is used.
5. To pay for the pool or pool kit parts if they are damaged and/or rendered unusable while in my/our possession. This problem could result from puncture, mildew, melting or ripping of the pool or breaking pool parts.
6. To use the disposable liner provided at set-up. One liner is included in the fee, additional liners are \$15 each.
7. To notify the rental company, LABOR POOLS, at 719-598-6509 as soon as practical after the birth (no later than 72 hours) to schedule the pool pick up. Failure to do so will result in an additional \$50 per week charge starting 72 hours after the birth.
8. To pay a non-refundable deposit of \$50 which is applied to the rental fee (**check must be made out to Birth Matters! Midwifery Services**) at the reservation time.
9. To pay the balance of the rental fee at set up time (total is \$200; **check must be made out to Birth Matters! Midwifery Services**). Refunds will not be issued for any circumstances (i.e., complications of pregnancy did not allow the use of the pool) once the pool has been set up. (OUTSIDE COLORADO SPRINGS RENTAL FEE IS \$225.)
10. LABOR POOLS and/or any agent thereof, its members, employees, representatives, and associates, as well as any pool or equipment manufacturer, is hereby released and held harmless from any and all responsibility or liability for complications, both maternal and infant, including mortality, morbidity, or injury or physical property damage in connection with the use of the portable pool before, during, and after labor and birth.

I / we have read, do understand and agree to the stipulations of this agreement.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make check out to Birth Matters! Midwifery Services.**

**Office use only:**

Reservation Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Rental Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_

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### Labor Pool Instructions and Safeguards for Care and Maintenance

1. Tub set up requires a clean and level area at least 6 feet in diameter. When filled to a depth of 18 inches, the tub holds 200 gallons of water and weighs approximately 1,600 pounds. The area must support the weight.
2. To avoid electric shock and personal injury, keep electrical devices such as lights and appliances away from the filled tub at all times. We recommend a minimum distance of 12 feet from the tub.
3. DO NOT immerse any portion of the heater pad, control module or cords in water.
4. DO NOT plug the heater in until the tub is completely filled to a minimum level of 6 inches from the top of the tub wall, particularly the portion above the entire heater pad, and to a minimum level of no less than 2 inches from the top edge of the heater pad. This minimum level of water **must** always be present when the heater is plugged in.
5. When using the tub, DO NOT press against the heater pad and keep any objects that might be used in the tub (seats, benches, etc.) away from the heater area, cords, and probe.
6. Keep all sharp foreign objects out of the tub to protect against punctures or other damage to the tub and liner. If the tub is damaged, unplug the heater cord immediately and call 719-598-6509.
7. It takes about 30-45 minutes to fill the tub when there is a constant supply of hot water. A minimum requirement is at least a 40 gallon water heater turned up to the hottest setting for efficient filling. To maintain the ideal temperature (between 99-101 degrees F), set the Temperature Control Module to either 38°C or 100°F. Check the pool thermometer each morning and evening to confirm that the thermostat is working properly. Always double-check that the light on the outlet plug is on, indicating a good connection to the electrical source.
8. When not in use, cover the water with the Insul-Cover. The addition of a thermal blanket, comforter or sleeping bag on top of the cover will also help retain the heat much longer.
9. **Always UNPLUG the heater before draining the tub. We suggest unplugging it immediately after the birth.**
10. **CAUTION: NEVER leave small children unattended without adult supervision in the vicinity of the filled LABOR POOL tub.**

I / we have read and do understand the instructions and safeguards on this page.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_