

Swimming Pools, Hot Tubs, and Spas

Frequently Asked Questions:

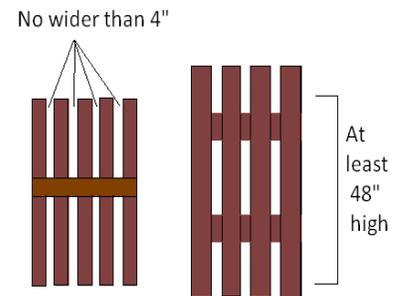
Do I need a permit?

Yes, if it is intended for swimming or recreational bathing and contains water more than 24 inches deep.

Do I need a fence?

Yes, barriers such as fences are required for pools containing more than 24 inches of water. The pool area must be completely contained within these barriers. The specific requirements are:

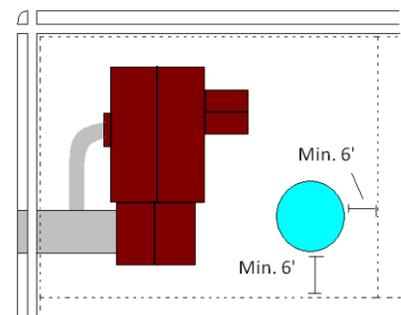
- All pools shall be enclosed around the perimeter of the pool by means of a barrier or fence 48 inches in height or greater. If the pool wall of an above ground pool is used as the barrier, the wall at all points around the pool shall be at least 48 inches higher than the finish grade for a distance of at least 48 inches away from the pool wall.
- All in ground pools and any above ground pools that have less than the four foot barrier at any point in the circumference of the pool must have the four foot barrier installed prior to filling the pool with water.
- Any openings in the barrier shall not be greater than 4 inches.
- Any ladders or steps must be secured or removed to prevent pool access when not in use.
- Any permanent deck or fence used as a barrier shall have a self-closing gate that locks.



Are there specific location requirements for a pool, hot tub, or spa?

Yes, pools, hot tubs, and spas are as accessory structures. This means they must meet the zoning requirements of the area where they will be located. Refer to diagram for more information.

- Pools shall not be located within 6 feet from any side or rear property line or within 10 feet of any public right-of-way or in any front yard.



- Verify the location of overhead power lines. Minimum clearance in any direction to the water level, edge of water surface, base of diving platform, or permanently anchored raft is 22.5 feet.
- Maximum lot coverage of all structures covering the lot is 30 % to 40% depending on the zoning district.

R-1 zoning district coverage: 30%	Example:
Lot size: 11,500 sq. ft	11,500 sq. ft X .30 = 3,450 sq. ft.
House area: 1,800 sq. ft.	3,450 – 1,900 sq. ft. (house + shed) = 1,550 sq. ft.
Shed area: 100 sq. ft	Pool area can be up to 1,550 sq. ft.

Is there anything else I should know?

Yes, there are special electrical requirements that are very important. Please consult a qualified electrician if you have any questions or doubts regarding electrical requirements.

- Wiring from the power source to operate electrical equipment for the pool must be installed in rigid conduit or cable designed and approved for direct burial and shall be buried a minimum depth of eighteen inches below grade. Call when electrical work is completed but not buried.
- Disconnecting means of pool equipment shall be provided and within sight and not located less than five feet from the pool wall.
- Receptacles that provide power for pool equipment shall be located between five and ten feet from the pool wall and shall be a single locking type plug.
- At least one general purpose outdoor GFCI protected plug shall be located between ten and twenty feet from the pool.
- Final inspections will not be approved until all fences or barriers are properly installed.

What is the next step?

Next, you need to:

- Complete and submit your permit application;
- Submit a site plan.
- Pay the permit fee. Permits are good for 6 months from date issued.
- Post green permit in any window visible from the street.

Please note: *These guidelines are not a comprehensive presentation of all ordinances involved in placing, erecting, or constructing a pool, hot tub, or spa. Contact the Building and Zoning Dept. with any questions or concerns.*