SWIMMING POOLS

Most frequently asked questions....

When do I have to get a building permit for a swimming pool?

When you have a swimming pool 2' deep and over.

What are the required setbacks from the property line?

7 1/2' from the **side** property line.

7 1/2' from the rear property line.

30' from any street line.

Do I need a fence for an above ground pool?

Yes. Norwood requires a <u>minimum</u> of **5**' of protection. In the case of an above ground pool you may have a segment of fence attached to the upper portion of the pool as long as the final height is a minimum of **5**'. For even better protection you may choose to erect a **5**' fence surrounding either your pool or your yard.

Do I have to get a wiring permit? If yes, why do I have to get one?

Yes. <u>Before</u> submitting your building permit application you must hire a licensed electrician to obtain a wiring permit on your behalf. His permit numbered must be entered on your application form.

Why – to ensure that your pool is properly grounded, A wiring permit is required for the wiring of the filter system, etc.

Who fills out the application form?

Inground pool installers usually provide this service for you as your agent. Signing the application makes them responsible for the work he is performing and being paid for.

Above ground pool installers do not provide this service 99.9% of the time. They will have you, as the homeowner, take responsibility for their installation by having you sign the application form, hire the licensed electrician etc.

Do I need a certified site plan?

Yes – if you're putting in an **inground** pool.

No – if you're putting up an **above-ground** pool. You will write on the building permit application that "this pool shall conform to the zoning setback requirements of the Town of Norwood. This application is signed under penalty of perjury.

Are pool specifications necessary?

Yes. In order to get a building permit, a copy of your pool specs must be filed when applying for the permit.

Can I use my neighbor's fence as part of my pools protection?

No. Ruled by Town Counsel no building permit can be issued unless the required fencing is provided. Note: All gates and doors shall be kept locked at all times when the pool is not in use!

How much will a building permit cost?

\$10 per thousand, or fraction thereof, of the estimated cost of the pool. A pool costing \$8,100 would trigger an \$81.00 permit fee.

Wiring permits are a flat \$20 fee.

I can't meet the minimum setback requirements, what now?

You would apply to the Zoning Board of Appeal for relief. For specific information call (781) 762-1240 ext. 185. Not staffed on Friday.

Inspection sequence:

Inground pools: [These requests are commonly made by the contractor]

- ...excavation inspection *before* the pool wall is poured.
- ...your electrician will call the Wiring Inspector for a bonding/rough inspection.
- ...when the pool is poured call the inspector for a rough inspection.
- ...final inspection of electrical work called in your electrician.
- ...final inspection by the Building Inspector after the fence has been erected and the pool ready to be filled. It is customary that up to 24" of water can be put in to keep vinyl liners flat.

Above ground pools: [These requests are the responsibility of the homeowner.]

- ...Bonding/rough inspection called in by your electrician.
- ...you call the Building Inspector for a rough building inspection when the frame and liner has been set.
- ...final inspection of electrical work called in by your electrician.
- ...you will call for the final inspection after the Wiring Inspector has signed off on the building permit card.

Now can I fill my pool and use it?

Yes. Once you receive your certificate of use and occupancy indicating you've met the requirements – go ahead fill your pool and enjoy.

Inspector's office hours:

Building Inspector, Mark Chubet: Asst. Building Inspector, Paul Starratt Wiring Inspector, Timothy D. Fruci	11-12 noon and 3:00-4:00 Monday through Friday 11-12 noon and 3:00-4:00 Monday through Thursday 11-12 noon and 3:00-4:00 Monday through Friday
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