

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 ½' from the **side** property line.

7 ½' from the **rear** property line.

30' from any **street** line.

Do I need a fence for an above ground pool?

Yes. Norwood requires a **minimum** 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. **Before** submitting your building permit application you must hire a licensed electrician to obtain a wiring permit on your behalf. His permit number 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.

