

Swimming Pool Requirements

Permits:

Building Permits are required for construction of all in ground swimming pools. Prefabricated above ground swimming pools which do not exceed 5,000 gallons in capacity and a 24 inch depth are exempt from building permits.

Plumbing Permits are not required for swimming pool plumbing when only circulating the pool water, and separated from the sanitary sewer and portable water supply.

Plumbing Permits are required if swimming pool plumbing is connected to the domestic portable water supply, or sanitary sewer.

Electrical Permits are required for the extension of circuits or new circuits serving swimming pool equipment. Installation of junction boxes, ground fault circuitry, overhead wire, pool grounding, etc. must conform to National Electric Code requirements. Electrical is done by the State of Minnesota Board of Electricity (651) 284-5026.

Inspections required:

The following inspections must be requested:

- **Site/Footing Inspection:** To approve pool location, reinforcement and footing prior to placement of concrete.
- **Framing Inspection:** After pool installation and prior to backfill.
- **Final:** Upon completion of the pool and fencing.

Additional inspections may be required for plumbing and electrical work if permits are issued for that work.

Please call 763-706-3670 to schedule inspections.

Setback and pool locations and zoning:

(4) Private swimming pools and courts. All private swimming pools, tennis courts, ball courts and other private recreational facilities are subject to the following standards:

- (a) The facility is not operated as a business or private club.
- (b) The facility is not located within any required front or side yard.
- (c) The facility is set back at least five feet from any property line, including any walks, paved areas or related structures or equipment.
- (d) For swimming pools, the pool itself, the rear yard, or the entire property shall be

enclosed by a non-climbable wall, fence or combination thereof at least six feet in height, with a self-closing gate capable of being secured with a lock so as to prevent uncontrolled access by children. If the only access is through a principal or accessory structure, such point of access shall be lockable. In the case of above-ground pools, pool sides that are vertical may contribute to the required fencing, provided all points of access are controlled to prevent access by children, including the removal of all ladders or stairs whenever the pool is not in use.

(e) For in-ground pools, the pool is set back at least six feet from the principal structure.

(f) Hot tubs shall not be located within five feet of any side yard or rear lot line, or within any required front yard. Such pools may be equipped with a child-resistant, lockable cover in lieu of a six-foot tall fence. Hot tubs are permitted on attached or detached decks if it can be proven that the deck is engineered to be structurally sound enough to support the bearing load of the hot tub.

(g) Portable pools shall not be located within five feet of any side or rear lot line, or within any required front yard. Such pools may be equipped with a child-resistant cover in lieu of a six-foot tall fence. Any ladder or other means of entry into a portable pool shall be detachable and placed so that no child can gain entry into the pool without the owner's consent. Portable pools shall not be in place longer than six months in a calendar year.

(h) Lighting shall be so oriented so as not to cast light on adjacent properties.

(i) The facility shall not be located within any drainage or utility easement.

(j) Any accessory mechanical apparatus shall be located at least 30 feet from any residential structure on an adjacent lot.

Information required for permit issuance:

- Certificate of survey.
- Site plan drawn to scale indicating lot dimensions, location and size of existing and proposed structure(s), setbacks from the property lines, and proposed pool location and size drawn to scale.
- Two copies of construction plans showing proposed designs and materials. Drawing must be drawn to scale on paper.
- The location, size, and a statement as to the types of equipment to be used for the pool or spa including filter unit, pump, wiring, heating unit, fencing, and the pool or spa.

Fencing:

All permanent swimming pools exceeding 24 inches in depth and 5,000 gallons must be completely fenced in.