

Everything You Need!

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Swimming Pool FAQ's

Do I need a permit for a swimming pool? Yes. Cost is dependent on the square footage of the pool. However, pools less than 24" maximum water depth

Does a pool require a fence? Yes and NO.
ALL INGROUND POOLS require a minimum 48" fence.

ABOVE GROUND POOLS: Generally speaking, all above ground pools capable of greater than 24" of water require fences. The fence must comply with the fence ordinance and also requires a permit.

EXCEPTION: The only exception to the fence requirement is as follows. All criteria must be met.

- Pool must have a metal or solid resin wall with vertical reinforcing members spaced evenly around the pool.
- Pool wall must be 48" or greater measured from grade (next to and out to a minimum distance of 3 feet out from the base of the pool wall) to the top of the pool wall.
- Pool ladder must be removable or lockable in such way to prevent entry.
- Pool ladder must be removed and/or locked to prevent entry when the pool is not in use.

What kind of fences are permitted? NO Plastic Safety/Snow Fence.
Fences must comply with the City of Kewanee Fence code. Fences must also have a lockable gate.

Does my pool need to be setback from property lines?

Pools are considered an Accessory Structure in the eyes of the Building Codes. Therefore, pools must conform to the same setbacks as all other Accessory Structures. If in the backyard, the minimum setbacks are 3 feet from side lot lines and 5 feet from the rear lot line. Corner lot setbacks can change this and should be referred to the Director of Community Development.

Also, pools must be a minimum distance of 8 feet from the primary structure (house) and preferably from all other structures as well. This includes neighboring structures.