



Swimming Pools & Hot Tubs



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Permits

1.) A **Zoning Permit** is required for any structure intended for swimming, recreational bathing, or wading that contains water over **24” deep**. This includes in-ground, above ground, or on-ground pools; hot tubs; spas; and fixed in place wading pools.

2.) A **Building Permit** is required for any structure over **24” deep and over 4,999 gallons** containing water intended for swimming, recreational

bathing, or wading. A hot tub installed on a deck requiring alterations or additions for the added weight may also require a building permit. (*NOTE: PLEASE TAKE THE ADDITIONAL WEIGHT OF A FULL HOT TUB INTO CONSIDERATION!! Your deck was likely not designed to support the weight of a full hot tub.*)

➤ Permits should include the following:

- *Site plan* showing existing structures, locations, and property lines. Include the proposed location and measurements of pool, size, depth, and setbacks from property lines.
- A copy of the manufacturer’s *instructions* for installation (if available)

3.) An **Electrical permit** may be required for hot tubs, and swimming pool pumps / heaters.

Required Inspections

1-2 inspections will be required to call 24 hours in advance to schedule inspections.



Requirements

All pools and hot tubs must meet the following City ordinance requirements.

• Barriers.

Option 1) Storable pools [24”+ wall height] ➡ the ladder shall be removed *and* the pool covered when not in use.

Option 2) Permanent (rigid frame) above ground pools ➡ with wall heights of 24”-47” pools always require a 48” high barrier. With wall height of 48” or more, shall secure or remove all accesses and/or ladders when not in use.

Option 3) Hot tubs & spas ➡ shall have a compliant lockable cover.

Option 4) All other pools, and hot tubs without locking covers ➡ shall have a min. 48” high barrier and/or fence that completely surrounds and restricts access to the pool.

Please contact the Community Development Department for specific barrier/gate requirements.

- Pools shall be located in the rear yard only, and shall not be located in any easements.
- Pools shall be set back a min. of 5’ from any side or rear lot line.
- There is a maximum allowable amount of impervious surface area that can be covered on a property, including all accessory buildings, drives, patios, etc. Coverage must be verified before any construction or installation begins.