



Residential Swimming Pools

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This handout is a **guide** only and does not contain all of the requirements of the Minnesota State Building Code or city ordinances.

All swimming pools, hot tubs, spas and other water tanks exceeding 24 inches in depth must be fenced as required below.

REQUIRED PERMITS:

1. Building Permits are required for construction of in-ground pools and above ground with a water capacity exceeding **5,000 gallons**.
2. Plumbing permits are not required for swimming pool plumbing when only circulating the pool water, and separated from the sanitary sewer and potable water supply.
3. Plumbing permits are required if swimming pool plumbing is connected to the domestic potable water supply, or sanitary sewer.
4. Electric permits are required for the extension of circuits or new circuits serving swimming pool equipment. National Electric Code requirements shall apply. For more information on electrical requirements, you may contact the State Board of Electricity at 651-284-5026.

INSPECTIONS REQUIRED:

1. Site/Footing inspection to approve pool location, reinforcement and footing prior to placement of concrete.
2. Final upon completion of pool, fencing, and electrical final.
3. Additional inspections may be required for plumbing and electrical work if permits are issued for that work.
5. To request inspection call 763-488-6379. You must have your permit number available when calling for inspection.

SETBACK AND POOL LOCATIONS:

1. Swimming pools, pool decks, patios and other related structures must be setback a minimum of five feet from side and rear property lines.
2. **On corner and odd shaped lots please contact city staff for other setback requirements.**
3. Structural consideration must be given to pools installed adjacent to other structures and buildings.
4. Pools must not be located within ten feet of any overhead power service.
5. Pools and related structures must not be installed over property easement.

REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR PERMIT ISSUANCE:

1. Certificate of survey.
2. Site plan drawn to scale indicating lot dimensions, location and size of existing and proposed structure(s), and setbacks from property lines.
3. Two copies of construction plans showing proposed designs and materials. Drawings must be drawn to scale on paper.

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FENCING: (Ref. City Ord. Sec. 432.10)

1. All swimming pools, hot tubs, spas and other water tanks exceeding 24 inches in depth must be completely fenced in:
 - Swimming pool fences must be at least 48" in height.
 - The fence must not permit the passage of a four inch sphere through openings in the fence.
 - Fences must be constructed of durable, corrosion and decay resistive materials.
 - Openings below the fence to grade must not exceed four inches.
 - Fences for swimming pools must include a self-closing, self-latching device on all gates.
 - Latches must be at least 3'6" above grade.
 - Gates must not exceed four feet in width and must meet the same construction requirements as fences.
2. You must provide temporary fencing during installation if your yard is not fenced.
3. Where an above ground pool structure has walls that are at least four feet in height, the pool wall may serve to meet the fencing requirements; however, the access to the pool must provide equivalent protection to prevent unauthorized entry.
4. Building permits are required for fences exceeding seven feet in height.