

TEMPORARY POOLS

Temporary pools are swimming pools that are constructed on or above the ground for seasonal use that can be readily disassembled for storage and reassembled to their original integrity.

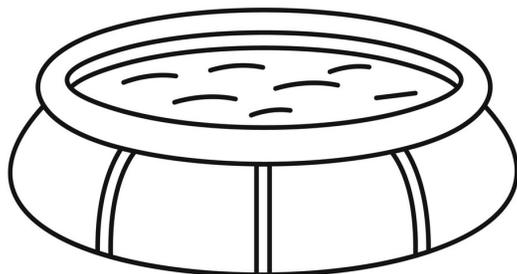
Temporary pools, even those that hold more than 5,000 gallons of water, do not require a building permit if they are set up only on seasonal basis and are emptied and stored during the winter.

Temporary pools may be set up for use between April 1st and October 31st.

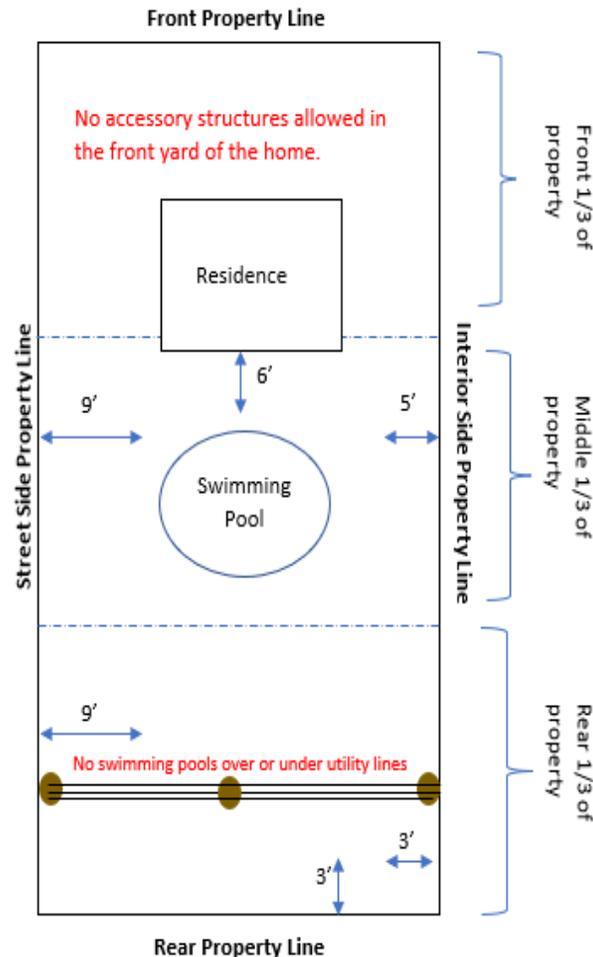
While temporary pools do not require a permit, **temporary pools must adhere to the setback requirements for accessory structures and the barrier requirements for swimming pools.**

Temporary pools that are not in use must either be stored indoors or fully screened from adjacent properties and public streets.

If you wish to leave your large, temporary pool on a year-round basis, you must apply for a building permit for the pool.



Swimming Pool Setbacks



Swimming Pools

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DO I NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

Building permits are required for swimming pools that are over 24" in depth that can hold more than 5,000 gallons of water- whether above ground or below ground. **Temporary pools are exempt from this requirement as long as they are set up only on a seasonal basis (April 1st to October 31st).**

Pools over 24" in depth that hold less than 5,000 gallons do not require a building permit but still must adhere to the other requirements in this handout.

BARRIER REQUIREMENTS

All swimming pools are required to have a safeguard to prevent children from gaining uncontrolled access.

- Fencing, screening, an enclosure, or any combination that prevents access is required.
- Fences must be at least 4 feet in height for pools less than 4 feet in elevation.
 - Fence openings or points of entry into the pool area must have self-closing and self-latching devices.
- Temporary pools do not need a fence if the means of access (such as a ladder) are removed when the pool is not in use.

- Pools with sides or attached fences that create a barrier at least four (4) feet in height above grade do not require additional fencing.

SETBACK REQUIREMENTS

All swimming pools, including temporary pools and hot tubs, are required to adhere to the following setback requirements:

- Swimming pools may not be located in front yards.
- Swimming pools located in the middle third of a lot must be at least 5 feet from the side property lines.
- Swimming pools located in the rear 1/3 of the yard must be at least 3 feet from the side property line and 3 feet from the rear property line.
- Swimming pools on corner lots must be at least 9 feet away from the street side property line.
- Swimming pools, except for temporary pools and hot tubs, must be at least 6 feet away from any principal structure or frost footings.
- Swimming pools cannot be located beneath overhead utility lines, over underground utility lines, nor within any private or public utility, walkway, or drainage or other easement.

DRAINAGE REQUIREMENTS

- Pools must be constructed and operated so that backflush, emergency water, or pool drainage will pass into an approved public drainageway (street or storm sewer) or remain on the owner's property. **Water may not drain onto other properties.**
- Pool water must be dechlorinated before draining. For a pool to be considered dechlorinated, the pool water must sit for seven (7) days without any new chlorine being added.

WHERE DO I OBTAIN A PERMIT?

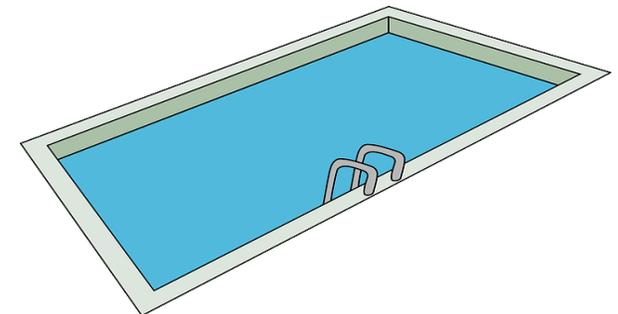
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QUESTIONS?

Please contact our office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at 651-554-3220.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Verify underground utility locations at least 2 days before you dig. Call Gopher State One at (651) 454-0002.





Swimming Pool Permitting Guidelines

A building permit is required for any swimming pool that can hold more than 5,000 gallons of water—whether above ground or below ground. All permanent pools over 24" in depth must follow setback, fencing, and operational rules even if no building permit is required.

Temporary pools are subject to different regulations. They do not require a building permit, regardless of their size, provided that they are set up only on a seasonal basis. (April 1st to October 31st).

Application Requirements

Please include two copies of the plan and 1 copy of a site plan on either a survey or a plat with a completed building permit application and swimming pool supplemental form. Site plans should include the following information:

- The proposed location of the pool and its relationship to the other principal buildings on the lot.
- The size of the pool (gallon capacity).
- Fencing (type, size, location).
- Electrical service and other fixtures existing on the lot, such as utility location and trees.
- The location, size, and a statement as to the types of pool equipment, including but not limited to filter unit, pump, wiring, heating unit, blackflush and drainage outlet, fencing, and the pool itself.

Other Permitting Information

- Pools shall have adequate filtering equipment and be kept clean and free from contamination.
- Pool heaters shall have an approved pressure relief valve.
- Gas piping in a yard shall be: 1) L or K copper (underground or concealed fittings must be silver soldered), 2) welded wrought iron, wrap pipes, or 3) corrugated stainless steel underground (must be sleeved). Underground pipe must be buried a minimum of 12" deep and gas piping must hold a 25 lb. air test for 12 hours.
- Overhead electrical wiring or service shall meet requirements of the National Electrical Code.
- Erosion controls must be maintained at all times to protect adjoining properties.
- Separate permits are required for mechanical and electrical work.

