

Swimming Pool Requirements

Zoning Requirements:

A swimming pool, spa or hot tub is permitted as an accessory use in any residential, agricultural, commercial, community facility or open space zone, in accordance with the following provisions:

- a) No part of such pool, spa or hot tub shall be located closer to any lot line than 1.2 metres;
- b) No part of such pool, spa or hot tub shall be located in any front or exterior side yard;
- c) Except in the case of an above ground pool, the maximum height of such pool shall be 2.5 metres above the established grade;
- d) Any building or structure required for changing clothing or for pumping or filtering facilities, or other similar accessory uses shall not be located closer to any lot line than 1.2 metres, is limited in height to 4.0 metres, and shall not exceed the maximum lot coverage of accessory structures;
- e) Except in the case of an above ground pool, every swimming pool shall be enclosed by a fence in accordance with the Township's Swimming Pool By-law; and,
- f) The maximum lot coverage of an outdoor swimming pool shall not exceed 15% of the total lot area.

All plans must show: (Drawn to Scale)

- Location of pool in relation to property lines and adjacent buildings.
- Must meet zoning setbacks for property as an accessory building.
- Must be 17 ft. minimum from septic tile bed.
- Full details of all required enclosures in duplicate showing all details of the proposed work.
- Fencing must be a minimum of 4 ft. from pools wetted surface.

Above ground pools/ On ground pools

Fencing not required if:

- a) The exterior sides of the pool are 4 ft. above grade level and constructed so that climbing it is not possible.
- b) A guard of least 35 inches in height is provided around any platform or deck and constructed so that climbing it is not possible.
- c) Integral deck or platform shall have a minimum width of 3.3 ft. from the inside wetted wall.
- d) Gates and/or entrances must be protected as per the By-Law.
- e) Decks- construction plans required.

In-ground Pools:

Fencing required as follows:

- a) Enclosure must be no more than 2 inches above effective grade level to a minimum vertical height of 4ft.
- b) Must be a minimum of 4 ft. from any condition which facilitates climbing, unless height of pool enclosure is 5 ft. for a distance of 3.3 ft. on either side of such condition.

Fencing types:

Chain Link:

- Mesh not greater than 2 in. - 12 ga. galvanized.
- Supported by min. 1 1/2 in. galvanized steel posts spaced max. 10 ft. apart and extending 3 ft. below grade for a 4 ft. fence and 4 ft. below grade for a 6 ft. fence.
- Must have top and bottom rails firmly fastened to the upright posts, made of minimum 32mm (1 1/4 inch) galvanized steel pipe. (A galvanized steel tension rod 5mm may be substituted for the bottom rail.

Vertical Board Fence:

- Vertical boards must be 1 in. thick nominal, so that climbing it is not possible from the outside.
- Not less than 1 in. x 4 in. nominal, spaced no more than 1 1/2 in. apart.
- Top and bottom rails must be at least 2 in. x 4 in. nominal dimensions.
- 4ft. Max. height for front yard & 6 ft. max. height for rear yard. 6 ft. fence required to be 20% transparent.
- Rear yard fences for waterfront properties are restricted to a 4 ft. max. height and 20% transparent.

Gates:

- Must be of construction and height equivalent or greater than pool enclosure.
- Must be supported on substantial hinges.
- Must be self-closing and self-latching on top and inside.
- Must be equipped with a locking device.
- Entrances to pool must be secured as per Township By-Law.

Hot Tubs, Spas and Whirlpools:

- Must have a secure, locking cover.