

PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL REGULATIONS

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Definition

These regulations apply to private swimming pools which are defined as artificially created pools of water that are greater than 0.6m (2ft) in depth at any point and for the use of a single-family dwelling unit by the owners or occupants and their guests.

Location

All private swimming pools and hot tubs, both above and below ground, having a depth greater than 0.61m (2ft) or water surface area greater than 9.29m² (100ft²) shall not be located in the front yard and shall be located a minimum of 3.05m (10ft) from a structure or property line.

Fence and Gate Design and Construction

1. The entire area of an outdoor private swimming pool shall be protected by a fence, building wall or enclosure that can prevent access by unauthorized persons, and its height above the outside ground level shall be not less than 1.8m (6ft).
2. An opening for access through a fence around a private swimming pool shall be protected by a gate that is
 - a. the same height as the fence,
 - b. equipped with a self-closing device,
 - c. equipped with a self latching device on the inside of the gate located not less than 1.5m (5ft) above the ground level, and
 - d. capable of being locked.
3. The fence and gate around a private swimming pool shall be constructed so that all horizontal and diagonal members are located on the swimming pool side.
4. Barbed wire shall not be used on or as a fence or gate around a private swimming pool.
5. No device shall be installed on or adjacent to a fence or gate around a private swimming pool that could cause an electric current to pass through the fence or gate.
6. A fence is not required around any portion of an outdoor private swimming pool if the top of the outside wall of the private swimming pool is not less than 1.8 m above the level of the ground outside the wall and the wall is constructed so that the only means of access to the private swimming pool is through a gate or similar facility.

Exception for Hot Tubs

A fence and gate need not be provided around an exterior hot tub for a single-family dwelling provided:

1. The hot tub does not exceed 2.4 m across the widest portion of the water's surface.
2. The hot tub is provided with a cover that
 - a. has been designed and constructed in the conformance with ASTM F1346-91, "Standard Performance Specification for Safety Covers and Labelling Requirements for All Covers for Swimming Pools, Spas, and Hot Tubs," and
 - b. is provided with lockable devices to prevent access to the water by unauthorized persons.

Waste Water Discharge

Wastewater from a private swimming pool shall be discharged to an existing municipal drainage system as directed by the Town.