

ALARMS

Where a wall of a dwelling serves as part of the barrier for the pool area, one of the following shall apply:

- A) All doors with direct access to the pool through that wall shall be equipped with an alarm which produces an audible warning when the door or its screen are opened. The alarm shall activate within 7 seconds and sound continuously for 30 seconds after the door is open and be capable of being heard throughout the house. The alarm shall reset automatically and shall be equipped with a manual means to deactivate the alarm for a single opening.
- B) The pool shall be equipped with an approved powered safety cover.

PERMIT FEES

Grading — \$250 + \$1250 escrow

Pool — 2% of cost

Electrical — \$160

Use & Occupancy Fee — \$25

PA UCC Fee — \$4

INSPECTIONS

1. E & S INSPECTION — to insure that all silt fence, septic protection and tree protection is in place. (ALL POOLS).
2. SETBACK INSPECTION — to determine if your pool is in the correct location. Property lines must be staked out. (ALL POOLS).
3. BONDING INSPECTION — performed by Code Inspections. (IN GROUND).
4. STEEL INSPECTION — performed prior to concrete being poured (IN GROUND).
5. FINAL INSPECTION — final pool, final grading, and final electrical after pool completion (ALL POOLS).



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Swimming Pools



This pamphlet contains easy to follow guidelines on the permit process for the construction of a residential swimming pool.

Any pool that is designed to hold 24" or more of water requires a permit.

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This pamphlet should be used as a guideline for the permitting process. Please call the Building Dept. (610-459-1662) if you need additional information.

GRADING PERMIT

A grading permit is required for all in ground pools. Details of the specifications for the plan are outlined on the grading permit application. All impervious surfaces and the location of the pool barrier must be shown on the plan as well as the location of the property boundaries, overhead wires, existing structures, the septic system and well (if any). The grading permit will be reviewed by the Township Engineer, the Zoning Officer and the Sewage Enforcement Officer for compliance with Township codes. After the grading permit has been successfully reviewed and approved, the pool permit application may be submitted.

The remainder of the guidelines apply to all pools.

POOL PERMIT

The following information must be submitted with the pool permit application:

1. Dimensions and construction details of the pool and pool accessory structures.
2. Details of the water supply systems, drainage, water disposal systems, and filtration and circulation systems.
3. Details of the pool barrier, including the alarm system. **NO POOL PERMIT WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT DETAILS OF THE POOL BARRIER.**

LOCATION

Pools cannot be located in the front yard. The distance from the pool to the side or rear property line depends on your zoning district:

- R-1: 40 feet
- R-2: 35 feet
- R-3: 25 feet
- R-4: 15 feet

Please call the Building Dept. (610-459-1662) if you are not sure which district you are in. Pools must be at least 10 ft. from the house, 12 ft. from your septic system and cannot be located over or under any utility lines.

BARRIERS

Swimming pools must be provided with a code compliant barrier. The top of the barrier must be at least 48 in. above grade measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. The maximum clearance between grade and the bottom of the barrier shall be 2 in. Openings in the barrier shall not allow the passage of a 4 in. diameter sphere. Maximum mesh size for chain link fences shall be a 2-1/4 in. square.

All access gates shall open outward away from the pool and shall be self closing and self latching. The release mechanism shall either be at least 54 in. from the bottom of the gate or it shall be located on the pool side of the gate at least 3 in. from the top.

Where an above ground pool structure serves as its own barrier, or a barrier is mounted at the top of the pool, the ladder or steps shall be capable of being secured, locked or removed or surrounded by a barrier that meets the barrier requirements.