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# SWIMMING POOLS

City ordinances define a **swimming pool** as a structure, basin, chamber or tank containing an artificial body of water for swimming, diving or recreation and having a depth of more than 24 inches and a surface area exceeding 150 sq. ft.

A **building permit** is required for pools, except when completely above grade, less than 24" high and less than 5,000 gallon capacity. A site plan showing the location of the pool & required fencing must be submitted. (Seasonal pools that are removed and not in use from September 30 thru May 1 are exempt from setback requirements, however, a one-time permit is required and the pool must be placed in the same location each year.)

When filling or servicing the pool, proper procedures should be followed to prevent a **cross-connection** and possible contamination of city water. **Pools cannot drain directly into storm sewer system.**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

*Minimum setbacks are required from the edge of the pool to:*

**Overhead wires-10 feet**

**Rear lot line-5 feet**

**Side lot line-3 feet**

**Other structures-6 feet**

**Must maintain a 10 ft clearance from overhead electrical.**

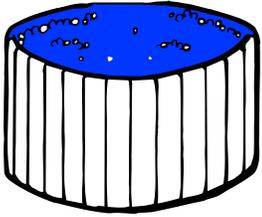
**Min. 4 ft high fence with a self-closing latch is required around yard or pool.**

## ***POOL FENCING REQUIREMENTS***

City Ordinances (Section 19-1402) requires all outdoor swimming pools be completely enclosed by a fence or wall at least 4 ft high and located at least 4 ft from the edge of the swimming pool on at least half the perimeter.

All points of entry must be equipped with self-closing and self-latching gates placed at the top of the gate, inaccessible to small children. Any openings between the fence bottom and the ground cannot exceed 4 in.

Fence Requirement Exception: Fences are not required for above-ground outdoor swimming pools over 4 ft high with vertical or outward-inclined sidewalls; provided sole access is by means of removable ladder, ramp, or stairs, which must be removed when pool is not attended.



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## Abandoned Pool Requirements

No longer want that pool in your back yard? Here's what you need to do to properly abandon and fill the unused pool site:

1. Remove all electrical and plumbing connected to the pool.
2. Break up bottom of pool for proper drainage.
3. Use clean fill only to fill in the hole. Broken up concrete is okay. *No foreign objects, rubber, galvanized aluminum, plastic, brush or debris should be buried in the ground. These materials should be hauled away, off site.*
4. There should be at least a depth of 12 inches of clean fill at ground level. Seed and/or sod over the area.
5. A permit is required. When you are finished, call 763-569-3344 for an inspection.