

Swimming Pools (Above / In-ground and Spas)

Definition:

A swimming pool, including portable pools capable of containing a depth of 30 inches of water.

Required Permits:

Building Permit: In addition to a completed building permit, affidavit or authorization must be signed by respective homeowner / contractor. (See **Note # 1** below)

Electrical Permit: Wiring for any pool (Above / In-ground and Spas) must be done by RI Licensed Master Electrician. The electrical permit must be issued before the pool permit is issued and released.

What to have for approval:

Building Permit, with Site Drawing (See Example), and Owners Affidavit / Authorization (if applicable), and Electrical Permit.

Town Ordinance:

Pool Location

- Must be a minimum of 10 feet from all property lines as well as 10 feet from the main dwelling. A deck that is attached to or surrounds the pool is considered a part of the pool and must meet the same setback requirements of 10 feet minimum from all property lines and main dwelling. (Section 6.8. Accessory Buildings and structures.)
- Section 6.7 (a) Be enclosed by a fence, five (5) to six (6) feet in height, capable of restricting access and have a walk area between the pool and fence no less than four (4) feet in width.
- Section 6.7. (c) Be limited to side and rear yards only.

A. Above-ground pools

- Section 6.7 (b) Aboveground and Portable Pool be provided with a safety railing around the top perimeter or, be enclosed by a fence. Minimum height of pool and rail or fence shall be five (5) feet and shall be capable of restricting access.
* See APPENDIX D (regarding barrier requirements attached)

B. In-ground pools

- An apron no less than 4 feet around the pool is required.
- Section 6.7 (a) Be enclosed by a fence, five (5) to six (6) feet in height, capable of restricting access
* See APPENDIX D (regarding barrier requirements attached)

Note # 1: *Property owner* "Authorization" must be signed by the Owner of Record, not a tenant. (See Building Code Section 23-27.3-113.3)

Note: Read your deed to see if there are any covenances (restrictions) on what can be placed on your property.)