

646 West Ridge Pike, Limerick, PA 19468

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FACT SHEET SWIMMING POOLS

(ZONING ORDINANCE 184-71.B.(2) & 71.C.(1); 2021 IRC; & 2021 INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE)

DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

- A. All pools capable of containing 24" or more of water, filters, pumps, and other mechanical equipment require a permit, and:
 1. SHALL BE located at least 10' from the rear and side yard.
 2. ARE NOT permitted in the front yard.
- B. A 4' high barrier (fence/wall) shall surround the pool.
 1. Above-ground pools greater than 4' do not require additional barrier protection. However, the ladder serving the pool shall be locked in the upright position or removed and locked up elsewhere when the pool is not in use.
 2. All gates or doors which directly access the pool area and are part of the barrier shall be self-closing, self-latching, and lockable.
 3. In cases where a wall of the dwelling that also serves as part of the required barrier and where doors or windows provide direct access to the pool through that wall, one of the following shall be required:
 - a. Doors and operable windows having a sill height of less than 4' above the indoor finished floor shall have an audible alarm when the door, window, or their screens are opened.
 - b. A pool safety cover that complies with **ASTM International** standard **F1346** shall be installed.
 - c. An approved means of protection, such as self-closing doors with self-latching devices, is provided.

Note: All items must comply with the [2021 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE](#) and the [2021 INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE](#).

- C. Backwash discharge shall be directed to the street and shall not be directed onto an adjacent neighboring property.
- D. Receptacles that provide power to filters, pumps, and other mechanical equipment shall be located at least 6' to 10' away from the pool and operated via an exterior GFCI outlet.

PERMIT INFORMATION

Seasonal pop-up swimming pools capable of containing 24" or more of water require a [UCC Residential Construction Permit](#) to be obtained every year. The fee is **\$20.00**. Please note that extra fees will be charged for electrical reviews and permits.

Above-ground swimming pools capable of containing 24" or more of water require a [UCC Residential Construction Permit](#) and an [Electrical Permit](#).

In-ground swimming pools require a [Swimming Pools Permit Package](#), which includes a Drainage Permit, a UCC Residential Construction Permit, and an Electrical Permit.

ALL POOL PERMIT APPLICATIONS REQUIRE A PLOT PLAN WHICH SHOWS THE FOLLOWING:

- Setback dimensions - 10' side yard & rear yard; the pool may not be located in the front yard
- Location of existing structures
- Fence location – pools and fences cannot be placed in any easements of record
- Discharge location for backwash discharge

ALL POOL PERMIT APPLICATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO INCLUDE MANUFACTURER'S INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS.

Permit applications are available at the Limerick Township building or on the [Permits & Forms](#) page of the Limerick Township website.

PLEASE NOTE: INSPECTIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL SWIMMING POOLS.