

FACT SHEET SWIMMING POOLS

(ZONING ORDINANCE 184-71.B.(2) & 71.C.(1); 2018 IRC)

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. In cases where a wall of the dwelling that also serves as part of the required barrier contains a door leading from the house and has direct access to the swimming pool, that door must be equipped with an audible alarm. All items must comply with the **2018 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE** and the **2018 INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL & 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 [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 [RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PERMIT](#) and [ELECTRICAL PERMIT](#).

In-ground swimming pools require a [DRAINAGE PERMIT](#), [RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PERMIT](#), and [ELECTRICAL PERMIT](#).

ALL PERMITS 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 APPLICATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO INCLUDE MANUFACTURER'S INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Permit applications are available on the Limerick Township website and at the Code Services office.

NOTE: INSPECTIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL SWIMMING POOLS.