

Did you know?

- Accessory developments, including above ground pools and hot tubs, cannot be located over an easement or a right-of-way;
- Electrical, plumbing or gas permits may also be required for your project;
- The construction of a deck higher than 0.60 metres (2 feet) above grade requires permit approval. Please refer to the uncovered deck brochure; and
- A deck surface around a pool must be non-slip when wet, sufficiently smooth to facilitate disinfecting and finished so there will be no discomfort to bare feet.

Get started today

The staff at Planning and Development Services are pleased to explain the various regulations and how they relate to your project.

Please feel free to contact us anytime.

Contact us

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Above ground swimming pools and hot tubs



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Definitions

A **private swimming pool** is a swimming pool constructed for a single-family dwelling unit or a dwelling with a secondary suite to be used by the owners and their guests.

A **whirlpool, including hot tubs**, is a swimming pool, containing water with a temperature above 30 degrees Celsius, designed primarily for therapeutic or recreational use that:

- is not drained, cleaned or refilled before each use; and
- uses hydro jet circulation and/or air induction bubbles.

Lockable lids, fencing and gate design

For private above ground swimming pools, whirlpools and hot tubs, one of the following will be required.

- A letter from the supplier confirming the cover meets the ASTM F1346 (American Standard F1346 Testing Material) Safety Covers & Labelling Requirements for all Covers for Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tub;
- A fence around the property constructed as follows:
 - ✓ The fence, wall or enclosure must be a minimum of 1.8m (6 feet) high, and must fully enclose the pool or property, to prevent unauthorized access;
 - ✓ The gate must be the same height as the fence, have a self closing device, and a self latching device that is capable of being locked;
 - ✓ The outside of the fence cannot have horizontal or diagonal pieces that would facilitate climbing;
 - ✓ The fence cannot have openings larger than 100mm (4"); and
 - ✓ No device shall be installed on or adjacent to the fence or gate that would allow an electric current to pass through it.

Above ground private swimming pools

A building permit is required for above ground swimming pools.

What to submit:

- A completed building permit application form;
- A site plan which includes:
 - ✓ All structures on the property including the proposed development;
 - ✓ Distances to the property lines from the proposed development;
 - ✓ Dimensions of the property;
 - ✓ Dimensions of the proposed development; and
 - ✓ Easements and utility rights-of-ways
- The plans and specifications for the pool from the supplier or manufacturer which includes:
 - ✓ Details of the swimming pool construction;
 - ✓ Schematics of the swimming pool's mechanical system, including line sizing and the location of inlets and outlets; and
 - ✓ Source of water supply, waste water disposal and swimming pool data (ie. pool size; surface area; water volume; circulation rate; turnover rate; filter type - size and model; circulation pump - type, size, model and flow rate; the number of inlets; number of skimmers and the number of main drains).
- Information on either the fencing around the property or a letter from the supplier confirming the cover meets the ASTM F1346 standards (see section *Lockable lids, fencing and gate design* in this brochure); and
- Application fee (see current fee schedule)

Note: Two sets of the plans and drawings are required with all building permit applications.

Whirlpools and hot tubs for private use

A building permit is required for all whirlpools and hot tubs.

What to submit:

- A completed building permit application form;
- A site plan which includes:
 - ✓ All structures on the property including the proposed development;
 - ✓ Distances to the property lines from the proposed development;
 - ✓ Dimensions of the property;
 - ✓ Dimensions of the proposed development; and
 - ✓ Easements and utility rights-of-ways
- Information on either the fencing around the property **or** a letter from the supplier confirming the cover meets the ASTM F1346 standards (see section *Lockable lids, fencing and gate design* in this brochure); and
- Application fee (see current fee schedule)

Next steps

After your building permit application is received, your plans will be reviewed to ensure your application complies with the current Land Use Bylaw and Alberta Building Code. **You may begin installation once your permits have been issued.**

Inspections

Please notify Permitting, Inspections and Customer Service at 780-464-8169 at least one full working day in advance for an inspection once the pool installation is complete.