

Victor - Building Department

“PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS” INFORMATION



A swimming pool is a structure intended for bathing, swimming, or diving purposes, made of concrete, masonry, metal or other impervious materials.

****Permits are required** for all permanent or temporary pools, spas, hot tubs or tanks having a depth of more than twenty-four (24) inches.

PERMITS

To obtain a permit for the construction or erection of a new or replacement pool, you must provide the following information with the completed permit application form, which is available from the Victor Building Department.

A.) Tape Location Map or Instrument Survey Map

Copies of this map are often found with the papers you received at closing or at the offices of the mortgage holder. Copies may be found in the Building Department files for some properties. Please call ahead to determine availability.

_____ You will need the following information:

The pool dimensions and depth.

The pool location in relation to the property lines and structure.

An inspector may need to verify the site location prior to issuance of permit.

B.) Accessory Structures to Swimming Pool

Structures, such as decks and sheds, require separate permits. Construction drawings are required for decks. The map that you are providing with the pool application is sufficient for a shed or deck (See brochure on decks and pool decks or brochure on shed.).

C.) Contractors - Requirements

The contractor must provide a current certification of Workers Compensation and liability insurance. For self-employed contractors, a waiver of Workers

Compensation must be submitted.

D.) Permit Fees

Permit fees vary on a yearly basis. There are fees that offset the costs of permitting, inspections and record maintenance.

E.) To Obtain a Permit for an Existing Pool

Often, existing pools that were installed without a permit or inspections do not conform to the Building Code or Zoning Ordinance; however, they are required to be inspected and maintained.

INSPECTIONS

A.) Electrical Installation

The Town of Victor requires inspections of all electrical installations, including pools. Address any questions regarding the electrical component of the installation and inspection requests to one of the approved Electrical Inspection Agencies listed on the back of your permit.



B.) Pool and Enclosure

An inspection is required upon completion and before the pool is put into use. (Request inspections by calling: 585-742-5035 at least 24 hours in advance!)

Failure to request this inspection may result in fines. If the inspection performed by the Town Building Inspector results in an approval, a Certificate of Compliance will be mailed to the permit applicant. A temporary enclosure must be maintained throughout the construction of in-ground pools.

C.) Permanent Enclosure

A permanent enclosure is required on all in-ground pools and above ground pools that are not forty-eight (48) inches above ground level.

LOCATION AND INSTALLING A POOL

A.) Setback to Property Lines

Swimming pools and appurtenances (such as filter, decks, aprons, patios and out riggers) must conform to the setbacks established in the Victor Zoning Ordinance. Decks that are constructed around pools will have the same setbacks as pools.

B.) Separation from Overhead Electric Wires

The National Electric Code requires that all pools must be located at least ten (10) feet horizontally from overhead electrical wires.

C.) **Separation from Active Well or Private Waste Disposal System**

All pools are required to be at least fifteen (15) feet away from wells and/or private waste disposal systems.

D.) **Filling and Excavating**

Soil removed during the installation of a pool may be left on the property, as long as it is not stock piled. No fill shall interfere with or divert the flow of storm water present before the pool installation or interfere in any other manner with the use or enjoyment of adjacent properties.

E.) **Filtration**

The proper equipment is required to re-circulate and filter the water at the pool. This equipment must also comply with minimum setback requirements.

F.) **Water Supply**

No fixed or direct connection may exist between the pool and any potable water supply.

G.) **Drainage**

There shall be no drainage of pool water to a sanitary sewer or onto an adjacent property.

ENCLOSURE

These are general requirements. Call the office for specific code questions.

A.) With the exception of above ground pools with restricted access that have at least forty-eight (48) inches between pool decking or pools adjoining grade and the pool top, all swimming pools shall be enclosed as set forth below:

- 1.) The enclosure shall be at least four (4) feet high and have a maximum vertical clearance to grade of two (2) inches.
- 2.) Horizontal openings between pickets on picket type fences shall not exceed four (4) inches with horizontal members greater than 45" apart or one and three-quarters (1 3/4) inches if horizontal members are less than 45" apart.
- 3.) Where a chain link fence is provided, the openings between links shall not exceed two and one-quarter (2 1/4) inches.
- 4.) The enclosure shall be constructed so as not to provide footholds.
- 5.) Railings and fences shall be sufficient to resist loads as defined by the New York State Building Code.
- 6.) Gates provided for an enclosure shall be lockable; self-closing and self-latching; swing away from the pool; and with the latch handle at least fifty-four (54) inches above grade or positioned inside the gate more than 3" from the top with less than 1/2 inch openings within 18" from the latch.
- 7.) Hot tubs shall have a lockable safety cover meeting ASTM F 1346 in lieu of an enclosure.

B.) The wall of a dwelling is permitted to serve as part of the enclosure if:

1.) All doors in the wall shall be self-closing and self-latching or be alarmed.

SOME COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

A.) Do not reduce an above ground pool's height to less than forty-eight (48) inches to adjacent grade unless you intend to construct an enclosure.

B.) Do not install a pool in an easement.

C.) Do not install a pool in a designed swale that channels storm water run-off.

D.) You must receive a Certification from the electrical inspection agency and the Town of Victor before using the pool.

E.) Know your chemicals and how to store them safely.

F.) Know that the fence you choose is compliant with the code.

POOL SAFETY TIPS

1 - There is no substitute for adequate supervision. No one should swim without a "spotter" or "buddy".

2 - Do not place objects near a pool or spa fence that would permit children to climb over the enclosure.

3 - A clear view of the entire pool or spa from the house should be maintained by removing vegetation or other obstacles.

4 - Never use a pool with any portion of a cover in place. This avoids the chance of a child being trapped under the cover. When a pool is covered, cover it in conformance with the manufacturer's instructions and always drain any water that collects on the cover immediately.

5 - Keep toys, particularly wheeled toys, outside of the pool enclosure.

6 - Store all chemicals properly.

7 - It is recommended to provide at least two (2) fixed ladders remote from one another for exiting the water.