

IMPORTANT!

Please be aware that a permit to construct a pool structure is required. Other permits may also be required depending on what is being installed along with the pool.

What inspections are required?

1. Setback Inspection (Zoning).
2. Electrical Connection Inspections (Bonding, and General Wiring Methods).
3. Pier footer inspection for deck support (if applicable).
4. Framing (if a deck is planned to be constructed around the pool structure).
5. Final Inspection (Completion of all pool compo-

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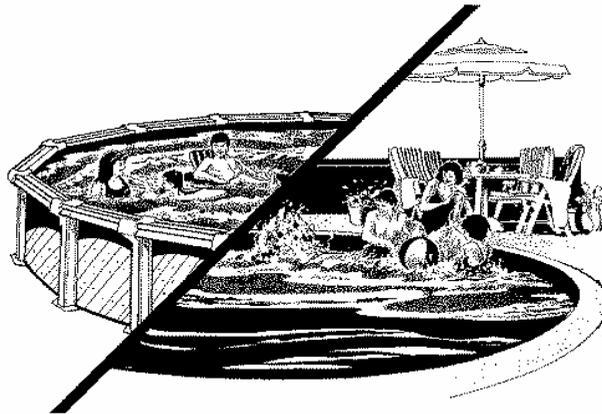
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WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SWIMMING POOL INSTALLATIONS

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Pool Safety Checklist

- Children are supervised at all times. When leaving the pool or spa area, even for a second, take the children with you. Don't rely on inflatable devices to keep children afloat. Accidents occur in familiar settings during short lapses in supervision.
- Doors and windows that provide access to the pool are secured.
- There is a 4 foot fence or barrier completely surrounding the pool. The fence has no footholds or handholds that would help a young child climb it. If a chainlink fence, no part of the diamond shaped opening is larger than 1 3/4 inches. Vertical slats are no more than 4 inches apart.
- All gates are self-closing and self-latching. Latches are out of reach of children.
- Pool covers are always removed completely when the pool is in use. A child can slip beneath a floating cover.
- Toys, tricycles and other playthings are kept away from the pool.
- Pool chemicals and supplies are stored properly and away from children.
- Parents, guardians and babysitters know CPR.**
- There is a telephone located by the pool with a 911 sticker**

Did You know?.....

-  According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, an estimated 260 children under five years of age drown each year in residential swimming pools and spas.
-  The Commission estimates that another 3,000 children under age five are treated in hospital emergency rooms following submersion accidents each year. Some of these submersion accidents result in permanent brain damage
-  Nationally, drowning is the fourth leading cause of death to children under five. In some states such as California, Florida and Arizona, drowning is the leading cause of accidental death to children under five.

Please read carefully!

Our intention for this pamphlet is to provide you with the necessary information to make your pool installation as trouble free as possible. We hope that it will help you in order to provide you with the basic requirements so that you will be adequately informed before you decide to install your swimming pool or hire a pool contractor.

The information provided in this pamphlet is not intended as an instruction guide to install any particular pool structure or any accessories associated within but to provide you with the minimum standards required by the Georgia State Minimum Code; i.e. 1994 Standard Swimming Code and local zoning setback ordinances. Your installer should be familiar with what is required by state and city codes. It is very important that you be aware that a permit is required for all permanent swimming pool installations.

In this pamphlet, we will explain;

1. What is expected from the home owner.
2. What is expected from the contractor.
3. Pool Types; Storable and Permanent
4. Zoning (setback) requirements.
5. Barrier (Fence) requirements.
6. Electrical requirements
7. What inspections are required.

What is expected from the home owner.

It is the responsibility of the home owner to ensure that all the necessary permits are applied for and attained before any work to install the pool or any of its accessories.

It is the home owners responsibility to ensure that the site of the pool installation is properly protected from access to small children as to prevent accidental injury or death.

It is the home owners responsibility to insure all the necessary inspections are completed before preceding on to the next phase of pool construction.

What is expected from the contractor.

The contractor will be licensed to install swimming pools according to the manufacturer's installation instructions and be licensed to install electrical wiring and/or devices.

If the contractor is not properly licensed to install electrical devices and wiring, the home owner will require the pool installer to contact one or the home owner will hire a licensed electrical contractor to make all electrical connections.

The contractor should keep the home owner informed of all phases of work and when an inspection is required before preceding on to the next phase of work.

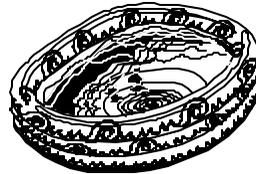
Zoning Setback Requirements

The exterior walls of the pool structure will not be permitted to be closer than 10 feet from any side property line and no closer than 5 feet from the rear property line. There are no set distance requirements between the pool structure, and any inhabitable or uninhabitable structure but it is suggested that an adequate distance be allowed for access around the pool structure and to prevent any part of the adjacent structure being used for diving into the pool.

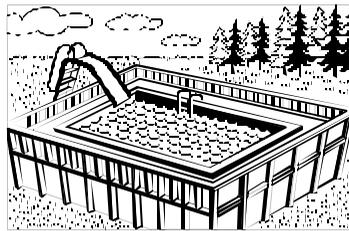
Pool Types

There are two classification of swimming pools that will be addressed in this pamphlet. A swimming pool is defined as any structure intended for swimming that contains water over 24 inches deep. The requirements explained in this pamphlet will be applied only to pools greater than 24 inches in depth.

The first is of the storable type. This type may be inflatable or collapsible non-metallic materials to allow easy storage during off season period. Storable pools are constructed on or above the ground and is capable of holding water to a maximum depth of 42 inches regardless of dimension.



The second type of swimming pool is of the permanent type. These pools are constructed in the ground or partially in the ground and all other pools capable of holding water at a depth greater than 42 inches and all pools installed inside of a building



regardless of water depth, whether or not served by electrical circuits of any nature.

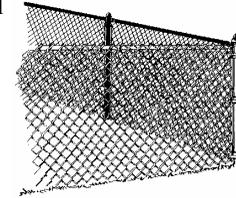
Barrier Requirements

Before any pool structure containing water at a depth over 24 inches is constructed, a permanent barrier or fence is required and must be in place as follows;

- * Where an aboveground pool structure at least 48 inches in height is used as a barrier or where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, and the means of access is a ladder or steps, then the ladder or steps either shall be capable of being secured, locked or removed to prevent access, or the ladder or steps shall be surrounded by a barrier that meet the requirements mentioned below. A fence will not be required if the height of the walls of the pool structure is 48 inches or greater.

- * The Fence must be at least 48 inches in height,

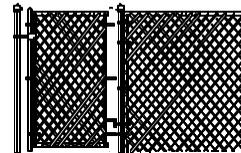
- * The openings in the fence shall not allow the passage of a 4 inch diameter sphere. Solid barriers like block, or brick will not contain indentations or protrusions wide or deep enough to be used to climb over the barrier



- * Where the fence is composed of horizontal and vertical members and the distance between the tops of the horizontal members is less than 45 inches, the horizontal members will be located on the swimming pool side of the fence and the spacing between the vertical members will not exceed 1 3/4 inches in width.

- * Where the fence is composed of horizontal and vertical members and the distance between the tops of the horizontal members is 45 inches or more, the spacing between vertical members will not exceed 4 inches in width.

- * For chain linked fences, the maximum mesh size will be 2 1/4 inch square unless the fence is provided with slats fastened at the top or bottom which reduce the openings to no more than 1 3/4 inches.



- * Where the fence is composed of diagonal members (lattice), the maximum opening formed by the diagonal members shall be no more than 1 3/4 inches.

- * Pedestrian/Access gates will meet the same height and construction requirements as the fence.

- * Pedestrian/Access gates will accommodate a locking device.

- * Pedestrian/Access gates will open outwards away from the pool and will be self-closing and have a self-latching device. When the release mechanism of the self-latching device is located less than 54 inches from the bottom of the gate, the release mechanism will be located on the pool side of the

gate at least 3 inches below the top of the gate, and the gate and barrier will have no openings greater than 1/2 inch within 18 inches of the release mechanism.

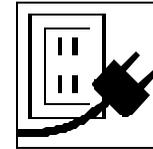
- * If any section of the exterior wall of the dwelling serves as the barrier, one of the following is recommended:

1. All doors with direct access to the pool through that wall shall be equipped with an alarm which produces an audible warning when the door and it's screen are opened. The alarm shall sound continuously for a minimum of 30 seconds immediately after the door is opened and be capable of being heard throughout the house during normal household activities. The alarm shall automatically reset under all conditions. The alarm shall be equipped with a manual means to temporarily deactivate the alarm for a single opening. Such activation shall last no more than 15 seconds. The deactivation switch shall be located at least 54 inches above the threshold of the door.

2. The pool shall be equipped with a power safety cover.

3. Other means of protection, such as self-closing doors with self-latching devices, which are approved by the director of inspections shall be accepted so long as the degree of protection afforded is not less than the protection required else where in this pamphlet.

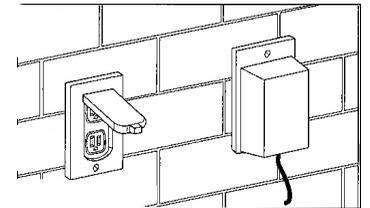
Electrical Requirements.



Remember!: An electrical permit is required for all electrical device installations.

A receptacle outlet box that provides power for a water pump motor for a permanently installed pool can be installed within 10 feet but no closer than 5 feet of the inside wall of the pool structure provided that the box has a single receptacle and be of the locking and grounding type and will be protected by a ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI). Duplex receptacle will be located at a minimum distance of 10 feet and GFCI protected.

The receptacle shall be provided with a weatherproof cover that will allow the cord and plug to be used without compromising the protection provided by the cover (in-use covers).



Fixed or stationary equipment rated 20

amperes or less, other than an underwater lighting fixture for permanently installed pools, will be permitted to be connected with a flexible cord to facilitate the removal or disconnection of pump motors for maintenance or storage. For other than storable pools, the flexible cord will not be longer than 3 feet in length and will have a copper equipment grounding conductor not smaller than No. 12 with a grounding type attachment plug.