

Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code

SWIMMING POOL REQUIREMENTS

The following items are required to be included with the Swimming Pool Application. A permit is required for any swimming pool that contains water over twenty-four (24) inches in depth.

1. A Plot Plan showing all setbacks must be submitted.

2. A Building and Electrical Permit Application must be completed & submitted.

3. Building/Zoning permits are required for pool decks (including concrete surrounding inground pools), fences, and/or heaters.

4. A PA One Call serial number and date called are required.

5. Electrical Requirements

- Convenience receptacle is needed 10' to 20' from the pool GFCI protected.
- Pool pump receptacle needs to be 20-amp twist lock GFCI protected with an in-use cover (5' away from pool).
- Conduit for the pool pump shall be minimum cover of 12" when the circuit is GFCI protected before the conduit enters the ground.
- Pool pump receptacle shall be mounted on a post usually 4' x 4' pressure treated.
- Pool pump receptacle feed wires shall be individual conductors in conduit PVC or metal.
- Pool motor needs to be bonded to the pool with a #8 solid copper wire.
- If the ladder is metal it must also be bonded to the pool.
- All metal within 5' of inside wall of pool shall be bonded to the pool with #8 solid copper.
- Bonding connectors shall be stainless steel, brass, copper or copper alloy.

6. Fencing Requirements

- Pool must be fenced in or a hard cover
- Fence must be a minimum of four (4) feet high with a self-latching and self-closing gate of a sturdy material.
- The latch must be at least fifty-four (54) inches above the ground, or at least three (3) inches below the top of the gate.
- The gate and fence shall have no opening greater than one-half (1/2) inch within eighteen (18) inches of the release mechanism.
 - The gate must swing away from the pool area.
 - Fence may be installed around the entire property or just the pool area, and of a type that does not encourage climbing, such as metal mesh with openings of less than two and one-quarter (2¼) inches in size, or vertical baluster-style with less than four (4) inch openings.
 - Each dwelling door that directly accesses the pool area shall be equipped with an alarm that sounds at least 30 seconds when the door is opened and is audible throughout the dwelling.

7. Required Inspections

Above-ground Pool (if a deck is incorporated with an above ground pool a deck plan is required also)

1. Final Inspection Only

- a. Pool and Barrier/Fence must be complete
- b. Electrical systems and metal component bonding complete

In-ground Pool

1. Pre-Pour Inspection

- a. All rebar in-place with proper clearances to ground
- b. Rebar bonding and equipotential bonding is complete

2. Final Inspection

- a. Pool and Barrier / Fence must be complete.
- b. Electrical systems and metal component bonding complete