



Swimming Pool Quick Guide

Swimming Pool

§ 360-15. Accessory Structures and Uses.

M. Swimming pools.

- (1) Swimming pools, whether in-ground or aboveground, having a depth greater than three feet or a diameter greater than 12 feet or a surface area greater than 120 square feet may be located in any district permitting residential uses but shall be installed in accordance with the following provisions set forth herein. These requirements apply to constructed swimming pools, not ponds.
 - (a) Location. Minimum setback of 10 feet from side and rear lot lines.
 - (b) Drains. Pool drains shall be located so no discharge of water from the pool takes place closer than 25 feet from a septic field or drywell, or drain into/over neighbor's property.
 - (c) Fences or other safety measures. All in-ground pools shall be completely enclosed with a fence having a minimum height of four feet of nonclimbable fencing material with a locking gate. All aboveground pools with a deck height above four feet at any point are exempt from the fencing requirement, except that all points where a ladder or steps or other means of access to the pool are located must be safeguarded by means of a locking gate. A portion of a building may be used as a portion of the fence, provided the pool is located at least 10 feet from the building. In lieu of a fence, an automatic pool cover that is American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) F1346-91 compliant may be utilized. The cover shall be capable of holding a weight of at least 485 lbs., pass perimeter deflection tests, surface drainage tests and restrict access when the pool is not in use. Covers shall be operated by key switch or touchpad to prevent unauthorized use. It shall be installed by a certified professional and documentation shall be supplied to the Town indicating proper installation of the automatic pool cover prior to use.
 - (d) Electrical. Swimming pools must be at least 20 feet from any overhead electric power lines. A horizontal clearance of at least 10 feet shall be maintained between service drops or other open overhead wiring and swimming pools, diving structures, observation stands, tower or platforms. Any outlets associated with the pool or related mechanical equipment must be protected by a ground current interrupter. All other applicable state or local electrical code provisions are incorporated herein by reference.