



ABOVE GROUND POOL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

DEFINITION: A private residential above ground swimming pool shall mean a manmade rigid or semi-rigid structure, basin or receptacle for water having a depth in excess of 18 inches or more at any point, whose framework is installed primarily above ground elevation. The intended use of a private residential above ground pool shall be for swimming, wading or bathing exclusively by the home owner or occupant of the land or premise, his family and guests.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Seven (7) **Plot Plans**, of recent date, showing:
 - a. Location of residence
 - b. Location of any accessory structures (sheds, decks, etc.).
 - c. Location of proposed pool
 - d. Sources of water, electric and sewage utilities; if septic, show field and tank locations.
 - e. Method of connecting and discharging pool
 - f. Minimum deposit required of \$25.00
 - g. Location of Electrical Service
2. Manufacturers' Drawings and Specifications of above ground pool. Sealed or certified architectural or engineer plans may be required for above ground pools that have elaborate structural attachments.
3. Seven (7) complete sets of the above data and attached questionnaire must be submitted and approved by: **Cook County Public Health Department** 1010 Lake Street, Suite 300, Oak Park, IL 60301, 708-492-2000.
4. **After approval by the Cook County Public Health Department**, permit application and three (3) sets of plans **must be submitted to the Cook County Department of Building and Zoning for approval.**
 - Cook County Building Department Pool Permit Requirements**
 - Any pool 18 inches or more in depth must comply.
 - Pool and equipment must be more than ten feet from a property line.
 - Pool must be constructed of concrete, steel or other approved material.
 - Pool must have impervious surface.
 - Pool must be enclosed on all four sides with minimum four feet high non-climbable fence or other approved means to prohibit unauthorized access.
 - All gates in fence must be self-latching with latch at least four feet above grade.
 - Ladders or steps must be at least three inches wide with handrails.
5. A letter of intent from an electrical contractor.

Electrical Requirements Portable Pool Specifications

1. Except as modified by the following requirements, wiring and equipment adjacent to above ground pools shall comply with the applicable requirements of sections 87-100 to 87-480 of the Chicago Electrical Code. All electrical equipment shall be tested and approved by a standard testing laboratory of National Status equal or greater than those performed by a standard testing laboratory of National Status equal or greater than those performed by the Underwriter's Laboratories.
2. Manufacturers' specifications must include a three wire grounded, one piece molded cord with a continuous three wire molded attachment cap.
3. Minimum wire size will be #14 gauge or larger subject to the capacity of the filter, motor, pool sweeps, etc.
4. The length of the molded cord shall be twenty feet and a maximum of twenty-five feet in length.
5. All conductors, devices and equipment installed in conjunction with an above ground swimming pool shall be protected by a ground fault interruption device.
6. No general use receptacle of any type shall be used within a fifteen-foot perimeter of the pool.
7. No lighting of any type shall be used within a fifteen-foot perimeter of the pool.
8. Clearances: Service drop conductors and other open overhead wiring shall not be installed above the swimming pool, nor shall it cross the swimming pool, or the surrounding areas extending ten feet horizontally from pool's edge, diving structure, observation stands, towers or platforms.
9. Circuit or circuits servicing portable pools must be protected by a ground-fault interrupter switch.

Plumbing Requirements Portable Pool Specifications

1. Water for the pool shall be from a potable source.
2. The source of the water supply to the pool shall be equipped with approved back-flow connection:
 - a. If a hose connection from a sill cock or the plumbing fixture is to be used for supplying makeup water, then an approved vacuum breaker shall be installed at the sill cock or fixture.
3. Rigid or flexible polyethylene pool piping must be approved by the National Sanitation Foundation and the pipe stamped N.S.F.
4. Water discharge from the pool will not be permitted to septic tanks or septic fields.
5. General requirements for private pools Section 17.11 "Private Pools" shall be enforced.