



TOWN OF SEEKONK BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABOVE GR. POOL PERMIT



- ✓ Submit a completed Residential Building Application with all information filled in correctly; including your Dig Safe number. A workers' comp insurance affidavit; if a homeowner please also fill out a Homeowner License exemption form.
- ✓ Provide two (2) copies of a picture of the pool and gate showing size and general description of the pool.
- ✓ ****Your Pool must state that it is designed and constructed in conformance with ANSI/NSPI-4 listed in Section AG108.****
- ✓ Provide either a fencing contract or proof of purchase prior to the issuance of a permit.
- ✓ A certified plot plan or a registered land surveyor showing all existing structures and the property lines and the location of the proposed location of the pool to scale showing side and rear lot lines.
- ✓ Conservation Approval will be required
(we will prepare this paperwork for you when you come to apply)
- ✓ Septic Approval will be required Setback is 5' from tank & leaching field
(we will prepare this paperwork for when you come to apply)
- ✓ After building permit is issued; you will need to hire an Electrician to come in and pull an electrical permit for the wiring of the pool.



Inspections are as follows:

- EXCAVATION: Upon excavation, Electrical Trench inspection (*requested by your licensed electrician*)
- ROUGH POOL & ROUGH ELEC: After the walls have been erected; make sure a minimal amount of water may be used to install liner.
- FINALS: the final Electrical inspection (pool filter & bonding complete). The permanent fencing and/or enclosure in place and water filled up.

- POOL FENCING/BARRIER REQUIREMENTS

Fencing or barriers:

Residential Outdoor Swimming pools, Hot tubs, or Spas require a barrier/fence that is at least 48" minimum above grade on the side that faces away from the pool. Where the top of the pool structure is located above grade, such as an above ground pool, the barrier may be at the ground level, such as the pool structure, or mounted to the top of the pool structure. Where the barrier is mounted to the top of the pool structure, the maximum vertical clearance between the top of the pool and the bottom of the barrier shall be 4".

Where the above ground pool structure is used as a barrier, or where the barrier is mounted to the top of the pool structure, and the means of access is a ladder/steps, the ladder/steps shall be capable of being secured, locked, or removed to prevent access, **or** the ladder/step shall be surrounded by a approved fence/barrier. When the ladder/steps are secured, locked, or removed, any opening created shall not allow the passage of a 4" sphere.

The maximum clearance between the grade and the bottom of the barrier shall be 2". Openings in the barrier shall not allow passage of a 4" diameter sphere. Fencing with vertical members shall not have spacing greater than 1 3/4 ". Fencing with diagonal member shall not have spacing greater than 1 3/4". Chain link mesh fencing shall have a maximum square opening size of 2/1/4".

Access gates shall comply with the above requirements, and shall be equipped with to accommodate a locking device. Pedestrian access gates shall open outwards away from the pool, and shall be self closing with a self latching device. On gates where the release mechanism is located less than 54" from the bottom of the gate, the release mechanism shall be located on the pool side of the gate and be at least 3" below the top of the gate, and the gate/barrier shall have no openings larger than 1/2" within 18" of the release mechanism.

Source: International Residential Code 2009
Appendix G- Sections AG103, 104, 105

POOL HEATER REQUIREMENTS

All pool heaters shall be equipped with a readily accessible on-off switch that is mounted on the outside of the heater that allows the heater to be shut off.

Gas fired pool heaters shall not be equipped with constant burning pilot lights.

Time switches or other control methods that can automatically turn off and on heaters and pumps to a preset schedule shall be installed on all heaters and pumps.

Heated pools and permanent in-ground spas shall be provided with a vapor retardant cover. EXCEPTION: Pools that derive over 70% of their energy from site recovered energy such as a heat pump or solar energy.

Source: International Mechanical Code 2009
R403.9