



## **POOLS & SPAS**

**When does a prefabricated  
swimming pool or spa  
need a permit?**

**Have  
a Fun  
& Safe  
Time!**



This information represents the minimum requirements for single family residential prefabricated pools and spas.

### When does a pool/spa need a permit?

State laws require pools and spas 24" or more deep to be permitted.

### How much does the pool/spa permit cost?

\$50.00 (this covers the cost of one inspection)

### When can I fill the pool/spa?

The pool can be filled after receiving an on-site inspection & approval from the Building Inspector.

### How should I drain the pool?

Vitamin C tablets can be purchased from a spa shop or where pool supplies are sold to dechlorinate a pool. You will need to know the approximate pool volume or size to obtain the proper amount of Vitamin C. Drain the water onto your grass or landscaped area at a speed that will not cause ground disturbance while draining – NOT in the street!

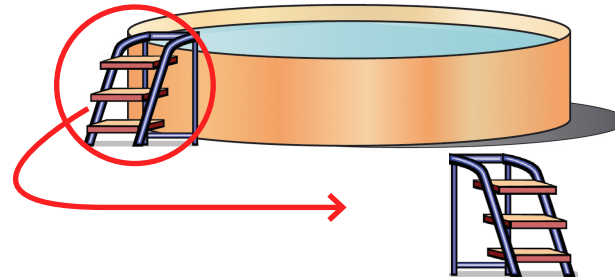
*Please contact the Building Division at (360) 417-4815 if you have questions about approved barriers, gates, spacing, safety covers, etc.*

## What will the Building Inspector look at when he inspects the pool/spa?

All pools or spas more than 24" deep require barrier protection. Options include:

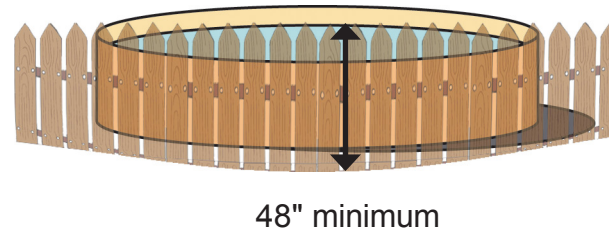
### STEPS/LADDER

1. If the pool is at least 48" tall, the steps/ladder going up to the pool may be removed when the pool area is not monitored by an adult to create a needed barrier; or



### BARRIER

2. The swimming pool shall be surrounded by an approved barrier at least 48" above grade (measured on the side of the barrier that faces away from the swimming pool). Approved safety covers may be an option.



### HAZARDS

Overhead wires shall not pass over or within 10' of the edge of the swimming pool. Cords or wires that supply swimming pool equipment shall be properly grounded.

