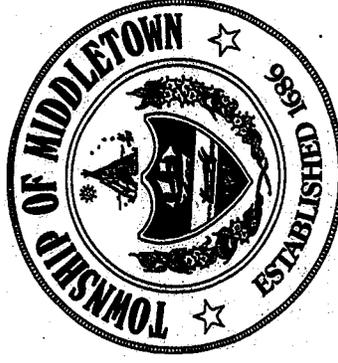


TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN

Pool Guidelines



ALARM

Where a wall of a dwelling serves as part of the barrier for the pool area, **one of the following** shall apply:

- a) All doors with direct access to the pool through the wall shall be equipped with an alarm, which produces an audible warning (the alarm must have a distinct sound from other household sounds) when the door and its screen, if present, are opened.
- b) The pool shall be equipped with an approved power safety cover.

INSPECTIONS

As with all permits, inspections will need to be completed at the appropriate times depending on the types of permits issued. However, a final inspection is required before a Certificate of Occupancy can be issued. In order to schedule an inspection, the Township requires at least 24 hour notice.

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

The Stormwater Management Ordinance has two components. Stormwater runoff (quantity) and groundwater recharge (quality). Generally, swimming pools capture the entire rainfall and offsets the runoff from adjacent deck areas. In effect, this provides stormwater management for runoff (quantity). However, no water from the pool or the deck area can percolate into the ground to recharge the groundwater. Some type of groundwater recharge (quality) is then required.

- An E&S Control Permit
- Stormwater Management Permit
- Recorded Stormwater Agreement
- Simple Plan (final pictures of the final installation)
- Control of Groundwater Recharge using the Simplified Approach

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This is a brief summary of the Private Swimming Pools regulations as detailed in IRC codes, as adopted by the Township of Middletown. For additional information, or questions, please feel free to contact the Middletown Township Building and Code Department.

DEFINITIONS

A private pool is defined as any structure that contains water over 18 inches in depth per Middletown Township Zoning Ordinance. This includes in-ground, above-ground, on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.

PERMITS

A building permit is required for the installation/construction of any private pool within the Township of Middletown. Permit fees are listed below and payable upon permit application submittal. The following permits may be required (depending on the application):

- In Ground Pool Permit—\$100
- Above Ground Pool Permit—\$50.00
- Fence Permit—\$50.00
- Electrical Permit—per cost of job
- Fire Code Permit/Propane Tank Installation - \$50.00
- Stormwater Management Permit - \$100.00

CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

Each permit application must have the necessary construction documents included with the application.

They are as follows:

- 1) Dimensions and construction details of the pool and pool accessory structures.
- 2) Details of the water supply systems, drainage, water disposal systems, and filtration and circulation systems.
- 3) Plot plan showing elevations, the distances to lot lines, building, walls, and fences.

LOCATIONS

The Township Zoning Ordinance requires all swimming pools to be located within the building envelope as defined for the zoning district in which your property is situated.

ENCLOSURES/FENCING

Swimming pools must be provided with a security enclosure surrounding the pool area.

1. Construction: Fencing used to enclose the pool area must be at least 48 inches (4 feet) above finished grade. This is measured on the side of the barrier, which faces away from the swimming pool. Fence must be constructed so as to prohibit the passage of a sphere larger than 4 inches in

diameter through any opening or under the fence. Fences must be designed to withstand a horizontal concentrated load of 200 pounds applied on a 1-squarefoot area at any point of the fence. All access gates shall open outward away from the pool with self-closing and self-latching with latches placed at least 4 foot above the ground.

2. Prohibited locations: Barriers shall be located so as to prohibit permanent structures, equipment or similar objects from being used to climb the barriers.

3. Where an above-ground, on-ground pool structure is used as a barrier or where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, and the means of access is a fixed or removable ladder or steps, the ladder or steps shall be surrounded by a barrier which meets the same requirements as listed above. A removable ladder shall not constitute an acceptable alternative to the enclosures requirements.

EXEMPTIONS

The following shall be exempt from the fencing requirements:

- a) A spa or hot tub with an approved safety cover.
- b) Fixtures that are drained after each use.