

Town of West Bloomfield Informational Bulletin

Inflatable Pools



These popular pools take just minutes to inflate, but they still fall under New York State Building Code requirements for Swimming Pools and require a permit and inspections. There is no provision for a “temporary” swimming pool in the code.

All pools require: A permit, electrical inspection, timer, alarm, and safety enclosures, such as fencing, to prevent children from wandering too close to the water.

A swimming pool is: Any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that contains water over 24 inches deep. This includes in-ground, above-ground and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.

“Contains” means: The pool wall is high enough for the pool to be **capable of containing** water a depth of more than 24 inches when filled. The term does not mean that you can “limit” the water depth to less than 24 inches in a pool that is capable of containing deeper water.

Swimming Pool Alarms:

Each residential swimming pool installed, constructed or substantially modified after December 14, 2006, shall be equipped with an approved pool alarm which:

- (1) is capable of detecting a child entering the water and gives an audible alarm when it detects a child entering the water;
- (2) is audible poolside and at another location on the premises where the swimming pool is located;
- (3) is installed, used and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions;
- (4) is classified by the Underwriter’s Laboratory, Inc. to reference standard ASTM F2208, ENTITLED Standard Specification for Pool Alarms, as adopted in 2002;
- (5) is not an alarm device which is located on person(s) or which is dependent on device(s) located on person(s) for its proper operation.

Time Clocks:

Time clocks shall be installed so that the pump can be set to run in the off-peak electric demand period and can be set for the minimum time necessary to maintain the water in a clear and sanitary condition in keeping with the health standards. (Section 504.3.3)

All swimming pool applications must be submitted and approved by the Code Enforcement Office, prior to the installation of any pool.

Contact the Code Enforcement Office to receive a swimming pool permit application.

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