

Do I need a permit for my pool or hot tub?

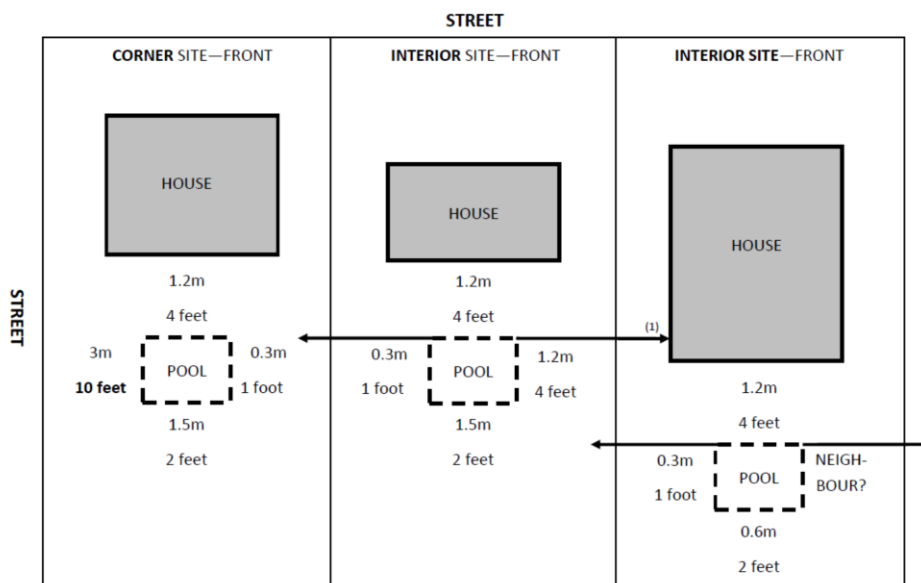
Yes, a permit is required for pools and hot tubs. A permit can be applied for online at www.brandon.ca or in person at our office at 638 Princess Avenue. To apply for a permit, the following is required:

- A site plan (this can be hand drawn). The site plan should include:
 - The setbacks from the property lines
 - The setbacks from any buildings on the property
 - Dimensions of the pool/hot tub
- If the pool is inground, we will require a detailed set of drawings sealed by a professional engineer

Where can I build my pool or hot tub? These requirements apply to all above and below ground pools and hot tubs:

Interior and Corner Sites

- ☐ 25 feet (7.6m) from front property line
- ☐ May be as close as 2 feet (0.6m) to rear property lines
- ☐ Side yard setbacks can vary depending on the type of site you have and how your neighbours home is placed relative to your home. See below for more information
- ☐ Pool must be setback at least 4 feet (1.2m) from house
- ☐ If your site is a reverse corner site (rear property line abuts neighbours side property line), please contact our office



(1) If the pool is behind your house, and the nearest neighbour's house, a 1 foot (0.3m) side yard setback applies. If the pool is located beside the nearest neighbour's house; a 4 foot (1.2m) side yard setback is required.

I have a hot tub, what are the fencing requirements?

A fence is not required if the hot tub:

- Is less than 8 feet (2.4m) in diameter or 50 feet square feet (4.65 m. sq.) in total surface area; or
- Has a cover that meets all of the following:
 - Has the structural strength to support the weight of an adult walking across the top when it is in the closed position
 - Can be locked to prevent access by others; and
 - Covers the hot tub at all times when not being supervised by an adult

If the hot tub does not meet any of the above requirements, a 5 foot (1.5m) fence is required:

- Gates shall be self-closing and be equipped with a lockable latch
- There shall be no openings, other than a door to a building or a gate, and it shall not be possible for a child to crawl under either the fence or the gate;
- Chain link fence is acceptable, however the mesh size cannot exceed 2 inches (50mm)
- For other types of fences, such as wood, the outside surface of the fence shall be relatively smooth so as to not provide a foot or toe hold that would allow people to climb it

I have an in-ground pool, what are the fencing requirements?

A 5 foot (1.5m) fence is required if:

- The water depth is greater than 2 feet (0.6m)
 - Gates shall be self-closing and be equipped with a lockable latch
 - Chain link fence is acceptable, however the mesh size cannot exceed 2 inches (50mm)
 - There shall be no openings, other than a door to a building or a gate, and it shall not be possible for a child to crawl under either the fence or the gate;
 - For other types of fences, such as wood, the outside surface of the fence shall be relatively smooth so as to not provide a foot or toe hold that would allow people to climb it

I have an above-ground pool, what are the fencing requirements?

A fence is not required if:

- The side walls are higher than 5 feet (1.5m) and they are equipped by a portable ladder that is removed while the pool is not in use

If the pool does not meet the above requirement, a 5 foot (1.5m) fence is required:

- The water depth is greater than 2 feet (0.6m)
 - Gates shall be self-closing and be equipped with a lockable latch
 - There shall be no openings, other than a door to a building or a gate, and it shall not be possible for a child to crawl under either the fence or the gate;

- Chain link fence is acceptable, however the mesh size cannot exceed 2 inches (50mm)
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How do I drain my pool or hot tub?

- The best way to dispose of water from both chlorine and saltwater pools, including backwash water from the filter, is onto your lawn surrounding your property, only if and when the following conditions are met:
 - The water has a pH greater than 6.0 and less than 9.0
 - The water is dechlorinated before discharging
 - The water is free of debris, vegetation or algae
 - The private residence does not back onto a ravine or valley
 - The water can be properly absorbed into the lawn. You must consider the slope and surface of your property and the rate with which the water is removed and absorbed into the ground to ensure it does not run towards your home or your neighbour's property

What not to do:

- Never drain chlorinated water or salt water directly into a catch basin
- Never discharge pool water into a ravine or valley, or onto the ground near a ravine or valley because this water will be harmful to the natural environment
- Don't discharge water on a rainy day or during peak times; aim for evenings after 8 p.m. or weekends after 10 a.m. on clear sunny days
- Don't add chemicals to a chlorinated pool, hot tub or spa for two weeks before draining