

Swimming Pools & Hot Tub Regulations

Development Regulations:

A Site Plan needs to be submitted with the permit application and must meet the following regulations:

- Cannot be located within any required Front Yard;
- The water surface must be a minimum of 1.5 m from the property boundary;
- No diving boards, slides and other accessory uses can encroach into the side yard setback requirements.

Safety Codes Act Requirements:

Manufacturer's hot tub or pool specifications need to be submitted with the permit application and the hot tub or pool must meet the following regulations:

- In addition to the Building & Development Permit, an Electrical Permit must be obtained by the approved installer for the wiring of a hot tub;
- The owner shall contact the Safety Codes Officer for a final inspection prior to any use of the hot tub;
- All wood framing members shall be pressure treated where they are in contact with the ground, or the vertical clearance between the wood members and the ground shall not be less than 150mm (6");
- The foundation for the hot tub shall be a type that will adequately support the hot tub and shall prevent little movement;
- The alteration or extension of the plumbing system shall conform with the plumbing and drainage regulations made pursuant to the Safety Codes Act;
- The hot tub shall be protected on all sides with a solid panel fence not less than 1.8 meters (6 ft) in height. A fence is not required if the hot tub meets the following requirements:
 - a) It does not exceed 2.4 meters across the widest portion of the water surface
 - b) Has a cover that has the structural strength to support the weight of an adult walking across when the lid is closed
 - c) It has lockable devices which are in place at all times when the hot tub is not occupied