



CITY OF CHAMPLIN PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL, SPA AND HOT TUB REGULATIONS

(Complete ordinance may be found in Chapter 106 of the City Code)

Permits

Building permits are required for swimming pools, spas and hot tubs that are capable of holding at least 24 inches of water and that are 150 square feet or larger in surface area. (Please see back of sheet to help determine the area of your swimming pool.)

Choosing a Location

Swimming pools requiring a permit have certain placement parameters:

- Ten feet from a basement of a house or other structures
- Five feet from side and rear property lines
- Twenty feet from street side yard property lines
- Not permitted in front yards
- Not permitted over drainage and utility easements
- Swimming Pools located within 100 feet of the Mississippi River require a conditional use permit.

Access

Swimming pools requiring a permit need to be fenced in. The fence material may be of chain link, wood or other approved material and shall be a minimum of 48 inches in height measured from grade. Fence openings shall not exceed 4 inches and such fence shall be no closer than 36 inches to the waters edge. The fence may enclose the pool area or the yard where located. Gates or doors access must have a latch that is capable of being locked when the pool is not in use.

Exceptions to the fence requirement:

1. Above ground pools having walls that are a minimum of 48 inches in height are exempt from fencing requirements. Access ladders must be removed or locked when pool is not in use.
2. Hot Tubs and Spa are not required to have a fence if they have an approved cover. The cover must be in place and secured when not in use.

Filling and Draining

If filling with a garden hose, a vacuum breaker at the faucet is required.

Water must be drained into the storm sewer systems or contained on the property where the pool is located. Water shall not drain into the sanitary sewer or across any adjoining property.

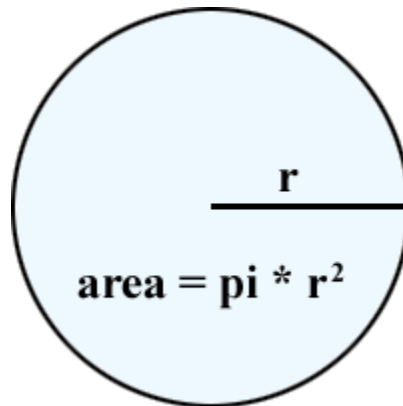
Determining Pool Size

Round Pools

To calculate the area of a round pool, you can use the following equation:

$$\text{Area of a Circle} = \pi * r^2$$

In this equation, pi is a constant roughly equal to 3.14, and r squared is the radius squared (the radius is equal to half of the diameter).



Examples:

1. A 14-foot diameter round swimming pool.
7 feet * 7 feet = 49 square feet * 3.14 = 154 square feet. *Requires a permit.*
2. A 12-foot diameter round swimming pool.
6 feet * 6 feet = 36 square feet * 3.14 = 113 square feet. *Does not require a permit.*

Rectangular and Square Pools

The area of a rectangular or square swimming pool is determined by multiplying the length times the width. If the length times the width exceeds 150 square feet, the pool requires a permit.

