

# DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR SWIMMING POOL

In order to minimize risks that unenclosed and unsupervised outdoor pools pose to children, certain requirements apply. A permit is required for the installation of any reservoir used for swimming purposes and having a depth of at least 0.6 m (2 ft.). Generally, the cost of a development permit for the installation of an outdoor pool and related fencing is \$35. Building permit fees may also apply for related structures that require the involvement of the building inspection services, such as patios, stairs, railings, etc.

## General requirements

- Location of the swimming pool
  - An outdoor pool:
    - cannot be in a required front yard or a required flankage yard or be located within 1.2 m (4 ft.) from a side lot line or rear lot line in any residential zones;
    - cannot be located in any other required yard in any other zones;
    - must never be located directly underneath electrical wires.
- Fencing, enclosure and access
  - An enclosure must be erected and maintained around an outdoor swimming pool, which may be formed in part by a fence, walls of a building or other structural wall, according to the following requirements:
    - Must be located at a minimal distance of 1.2 m (4 ft.) of the edge of the swimming pool.
    - Must have a minimal height of 1.5 m (5 ft.):
      - The height of the fence must not exceed 2 m (6 ft. and 6 in.) if it is located at a distance of less than 0.7 m (2 ft. and 4 in.) from a side or a rear boundary line;
      - A fence must be located at a minimum distance of 0.7 m (2 ft. and 4 in.) from a side boundary line or rear boundary line when the fence height is taller than 2 m (6 ft. and 6 in.) but less than 2.75 m (9 ft.); and
      - A fence must be located at a minimum distance of 1.2 m (4 ft.) from a side boundary line or rear boundary line when the fence height is greater than 2.75 m (9 ft.), but in no case shall exceed the height 4 m (13 ft.) high from the ground.
  - The doors or gates giving access to the fenced section:
    - Must be the same height as the fence (minimum of 1.5 m/5 ft.) and be built with equivalent materials and in the same manner of construction as the fence;
    - Must be equipped with automatically closing hinges and are fitted with a self-latching device attached to the interior side of the fence at a minimum height of 1.3 m (4 ft. and 3 in.) from the bottom of the gate.
    - There should not be more than 10 cm (4 in.) between the established grade and the bottom of a pool fence or gate.
  - Fence design:
    - Wood construction: with minimum vertical boards 19 mm (3/4 in.) to 89 mm (3 1/2 in.), installed not more than 38 mm (1 1/2 in.) apart (supporting posts must be a minimum thickness of 89 mm (3 1/2 x 3 1/2 in.) and spaced not more than 2.5 m (8 ft.) apart).
    - Chain-link construction: with diamond mesh of 50 mm (2 in.) maximum, steel wire a minimum size of no. 12 gauge (steel posts supports must be of a minimum diameter of 38 mm (1 1/2 in.) and spaced not more than 2.5 m (8 ft.) apart).
    - Must not have horizontal rails or other features that would facilitate climbing.
    - If with other types of materials, please contact the Planning and Development Department.

## Required action and information

One complete paper set or electronic version of the documents (.pdf). Electronic documents may be sent to [construction@dieppe.ca](mailto:construction@dieppe.ca)

- Property owner's name, mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and email address.
- Applicant's or contractor's name, mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and email address.  
(A land owner declaration form must also be filled out if the applicant is different from the property owner).
- Civic number and street name, or lot number and street name, or property identification (PID) number(s).
- A detailed description of work including:
  - the pool size and type (above ground, in-ground);
  - the height of the proposed fence and the proposed materials and the type of construction (e.g. 6 in. vertical boards of wood, chain-link fence with 1 1/2 in. diamond steel mesh) as well as the supporting method (e.g. 4 in. x 4 in. in wood posts installed at 8 ft. intervals).
- Site plan showing the following:
  - the proposed location of the pool, the existing buildings and structures, fences (existing and proposed) and the identification of all easements;
- Signature and payment of the development permit application.

**Additional documents may be required to complete the permit application.**

