



BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS & INSPECTIONS

RESIDENTIAL SWIMMING POOL

Permit No. _____

Property Address _____

Residential swimming pools are subject to the following requirements:

1. The pool must be emptied or filled by methods that would prevent a nuisance, including water damage to adjacent properties.
2. When re-grading the pool site area, adequate dispersal of surface drainage must be provided and existing property line grades must be maintained. The correction of any problem resulting from grading is the responsibility of the property owner. No construction or re-grading is allowed in any county easement. An embankment does not qualify as a fence.
3. The pool location cannot be within ten feet of any overhead electrical wires pursuant to the National Electric Code (NEC) Section 680.9 or within 5 feet of any underground wiring that is not necessary to supply the pool equipment (NEC Section Table 680.9a). All measurements are from the inside walls of the pool.
Please contact BGE at 800-233-1854, as their requirements may differ.
4. Pool shall be completely enclosed with a fence meeting the requirements below except for the use of a dwelling wall.
 - 48 inches high with self-closing and self-latching gates;
 - Gates shall open outward away from the pool and shall be self-closing and have a self-latching device. Where the release mechanism of the self-latching device is located less than 54 inches from the bottom of the door or gate, the release mechanism shall be located on the pool side of the door or gate 3 inches or more, below the top of the door or gate, and the door or gate and barrier shall be without openings greater than 1/2 inch within 18 inches of the release mechanism.
 - Openings must not allow the passage of a four-inch sphere;
 - Must support a 200-pound lateral load at the top;
 - Picket-Type Fences: Horizontal members less than 45 inches apart (top to top) must be located on the pool side of the fence. Openings between vertical members must be 1-3/4 inches or less; minimum height of picket 48”;
 - Chain Link or Lattice-Type fences: Maximum opening must be 2-1/4 inch and 1-3/4 inches respectively, unless provided with slats.
5. **Dwelling wall as a barrier.** Where a wall of a dwelling serves as part of the barrier, one of the following shall apply:
 - 1) Doors with direct access to the pool through that wall shall be equipped with an alarm that produces an audible warning when the door or its screen, if present, are opened. The alarm shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 2017.
6. **A swimming pool cover is not allowed as a protective device. Baltimore County Code §13-6-101.**
7. **Above ground pool.** Where the means of access to above-ground pools is a ladder or steps, the ladder or steps must be secured, locked or removed to prevent access. (Section 3109.4.1.9 2015 IBC)
8. Compliance with energy savings measures (heaters, switches, covers) is mandatory per Section 403.10.4, 2015 IECC.

By signing below, the pool owner agrees to comply with the requirements set forth above.

Signature of Property Owner

Date

Printed Name