

## **Permit Information Required for Outdoor Residential Hot Tubs for Private Use**

**For Building Permit approval please submit the following:**

- Complete Building Permit Application Form.
- Site Plan showing the location of the hot tub, including dimensions from building(s) and property lines.
- Manufacturer's specifications for the hot tub, including make, model, size and type of hot tub cover.

The National Building Code 2019 – Alberta Edition has specific requirements for hot tubs for private use.

A hot tub is considered a swimming pool in accordance with the National Building Code 2019 – Alberta Edition, and therefore a Building Permit is required for the installation of a hot tub for a residential home for private use.

The foundation or support for the hot tub shall be a type that will adequately support the hot tub when it is full of water and occupied by persons, whether it is above grade, below grade or located on or within a deck.

A Fence is **NOT** required for a hot tub if equipped with a cover that has been designed and constructed in conformance with the ASTM F 1346 standard, "Safety Covers and Labelling Requirements for All Covers for Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs," and provided with a lockable device to prevent access to the hot tub by unauthorized persons.

Please note that you will also have to obtain an Electrical Permit for the installation of the hot tub.

## Permit Information Required for Residential Outdoor, Above-Ground Swimming Pools & Swim Spas Private Use

**Building Code Definition:** Private swimming pool means a swimming pool that is constructed for the use of a single family dwelling unit or house with a secondary suite by the owners and their guests.

### **For Building Permit approval please submit the following:**

- Complete Building Permit Application Form.
- Site Plan showing the location of the pool, including dimensions from building(s) and property lines.
- Manufacturer's specifications for the swimming pool, including make, model, size and pool depths.
- Information about fencing, gate or cover, if applicable.

The National Building Code 2019 – Alberta Edition has specific requirements for Swimming Pools, Swim Spas or other types of Pools for Private use only.

### **When a Fence is required:**

- When a Fence is required, the entire area of an outdoor swimming pool shall be protected by a fence, building wall or enclosure that can prevent access by unauthorized persons,
- The fence height above the outside ground level around the yard or pool shall be not less than 1.8 metres (6 feet) in height,
- The Fence around the swimming pool shall be constructed so that there are no openings that will permit persons to climb or gain unauthorized access to the pool,
- Barbed wire or other hazardous type fencing is not permitted,
- No device shall be installed on or adjacent to a fence or gate around a swimming pool that could cause an electric current to pass through the fence or gate.

### **When a Gate is required:**

- When a fence is required, there shall be a gate that is the same height as the fence,
- Be equipped with a self-closing device,
- Be equipped with a self-latching device on the inside of the gate located not less than 1.5 metres (5 feet) above the ground level,
- Must be capable of being locked.

### **When a Fence is NOT required:**

- A Fence is **not** required around a swimming pool, swim spa or other type of private pool if equipped with a cover that has been designed and constructed in conformance with the ASTM F 1346 standard, "Safety Covers and Labeling Requirements for All Covers for Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs". These covers must be equipped with a lockable device to prevent access to the water by unauthorized persons.
- Some above ground swimming pools are equipment with hardware that will permit manufactured guards to be installed on top of the perimeter of the pool that act as a barrier so that from the ground level to the top of the attached guards or barrier, a height of 1.8 metres (6'-0") is achieved. Direct access to the pool can be provided with a lockable gate.

**NOTE:** If a fence is required and the fence is a chain link type fence, then the fence and gate shall have privacy slats installed throughout the entire fence and gate to prevent persons from climbing the fence.