



Temporary Pools



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Is your pool considered a Temporary Pool?

Temporary Pool Definition

Pools and spas specifically designed to be erected, inflated or easily moved and designed and intended to be easily dismantled, deflated, removed and stored each annual season.

Do I need a Permit for a Temporary Pool?

Can your pool be filled with water 24" or more in height?

NO.

For prefabricated swimming pools designed to hold water less than 24" deep, no building permit is required. Kiddie pools generally fit within this category.

YES.

Above-ground pools between 25"-48" in height require a barrier and a fence and pool permit is needed. Above-ground pools more than 48" high do not require a barrier; however, the stairs must be removed when not in use and a building permit is required. Pool barriers must meet all applicable code sections of the 2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code. See code requirements on the back of this flyer.



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Kiddie pools generally do not require a pool permit or any barriers.



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Temporary pools do not need pool permits, but require barriers along with fence permits.



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Permanent, in-ground pools require permits.

Temporary Pool Requirements

2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code

Seasonal temporary pools and spas capable of a filled water height of 24 inches or greater must comply with all barrier requirements of the 2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code*.

305.2.1 Barrier height and clearances

Barrier heights and clearances shall be in accordance with all of the following:

The top of the barrier shall be not less than 48 inches (1219 mm) above grade where measured on the side of the barrier that faces away from the pool or spa. Such height shall exist around the entire perimeter of the barrier and for a distance of 3 feet (914 mm) measured horizontally from the outside of the required barrier.

The vertical clearance between grade and the bottom of the barrier shall not exceed 2 inches (51 mm) for grade surfaces that are not solid, such as grass or gravel, where measured on the side of the barrier that faces away from the pool or spa.

The vertical clearance between a surface below the barrier to a solid surface, such as concrete, and the bottom of the required barrier shall not exceed 4 inches (102 mm) where measured on the side of the required barrier that faces away from the pool or spa.

Where the top of the pool or spa structure is above grade, the barrier shall be installed on grade or shall be mounted on top of the pool or spa structure. Where the barrier is mounted on the top of the pool or spa, the vertical clearance between the top of the pool or spa and the bottom of the barrier shall not exceed 4 inches (102 mm).

305.3 Gates.

Access gates shall comply with the requirements of Sections 305.3.1 through 305.3.3 and shall be equipped to accommodate a locking device. Pedestrian access gates shall open outward away from the pool or spa, shall be self-closing and shall have a self-latching device.

5.3.1 Utility or service gates.

Gates not intended for pedestrian use, such as utility or service gates, shall remain locked when not in use.

305.3.2 Double or multiple gates.

Double gates or multiple gates shall have not fewer than one leaf secured in place and the adjacent leaf shall be secured with a selflatching device. The gate and barrier shall not have openings larger than 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) within 18 inches (457 mm) of the latch release mechanism. The self-latching device shall comply with the requirements of Section 305.3.3.

305.3.3 Latches.

Where the release mechanism of the self-latching device is located less than 54 inches (1372 mm) from grade, the release mechanism shall be located on the pool or spa side of the gate not less than 3 inches (76 mm) below the top of the gate, and the gate and barrier shall not have openings greater than 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) within 18 inches (457 mm) of the release mechanism.

When Submitting an Application:

A Site Plan indicating dimensions and location of the temporary pool, along with dimensions to adjacent lot lines and zoning yard setbacks (compliance to applicable zoning regulations shall be noted), along with any existing fence/barrier information will be required (for verification of compliance with 2018 ISPSC). Please contact the Planning Division (847-432-0867) to discuss applicable zoning regulations.

*The provisions of this section shall apply to the design of barriers for restricting entry into areas having pools and spas. Where spas or hot tubs are equipped with a lockable safety cover complying with [ASTM F1346](#) and swimming pools are equipped with a powered safety cover that complies with [ASTM F1346](#), the areas where those spas, hot tubs or pools are located shall not be required to comply with [Sections 305.2](#) through [305.7](#). A City amendment to 305.2 requires the barrier.

For questions please call the Building Division at
(847) 432-0808, or visit the City's website at www.cityhpil.com