



Pool Permit - FAQ

Q. Do I need a permit for a swimming pool?

A. Yes. Both above ground and in-ground pools require a building permit.

Part 10

Special Construction Standards

Section 10.1. Private Pools

10.1.1. Scope

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- 1) This Part applies to *private pools*.
- 2) Pools other than *private pools* shall conform to the requirements under *The Public Health Act* and regulations under that Act.

10.1.2. Fences and Access

10.1.2.1. Enclosures

- 1) An outdoor *private pool* shall be enclosed with a fence or other suitable barrier constructed in accordance with the following requirements:
 - a) a minimum height of 1.5 m,
 - b) there shall be no openings, other than a door to a *building* or a gate as described in Clause (c), and it shall not be possible for a child to crawl under either the fence or the gate,
 - c) any gate shall be self-closing, shall be at least 1.5 m in height and shall be equipped with a lockable latch to prevent unauthorized entry,
 - d) where a chain link fence is used, the outside surface of the fence or gate shall be at least No. 11 gauge,
 - e) where other than a chain link fence is used, the outside surface of the fence or gate shall be relatively smooth so as not to provide foot or toe holds,
 - f) if, in the opinion of the *authority having jurisdiction*, there is any undesirable feature pertaining to the enclosure, suitable steps shall be taken to correct the situation.



10.1.2.2. Maintenance

- 1) The enclosure surrounding an outdoor *private pool* shall be maintained in good repair.**

10.1.2.3. Hot Tub Covers

- 1) In lieu of the enclosures specified under Articles 10.1.2.1. and 10.1.2.3., the fence and gate are not required for a hot tub installed outdoors at a single-family dwelling if**

- a) the hot tub does not exceed 2.4 m in diameter or 4.65 m² in total surface area,**
- b) the hot tub has a cover that**
 - i) has the structural strength to support the weight of an adult walking across the top of the cover when it is in the closed position, and**
 - ii) is capable of being locked in the covered position to prevent access to the water by unauthorized persons, and**
- c) at all times when use is not supervised by an adult, the hot tub is covered by a cover that complies with clause (b), and is locked.**

- 2) A hot tub capable of containing water to depth 600 mm or greater shall have installed on it a cover that complies with Clauses (1)(b) and (c) if the hot tub is installed outdoors at a single-family dwelling.**

10.1.3. Electrical Wiring

10.1.3.1. General Electrical Requirements

- 1) All electrical installations shall comply with the *Manitoba Electrical Code*.**
- 2) All metallic parts of a *private pool*, including reinforcing steel, shall be electrically grounded in accordance with the requirements of the *Manitoba Electrical Code*.**

10.1.3.2. Overhead Wiring

- 1) No overhead wiring shall be situated above a *private pool* — including associated structures such as a diving structure, observation stand, tower or platform — or above the area extending 3 m horizontally from the pool edge, and no *private pool* or associated structure shall be placed within 3 m, measured horizontally from the pool edge, of an existing overhead wire.**



2) The following overhead wiring may be situated within the area otherwise prohibited by Sentence (1) if, in the opinion of the *authority having jurisdiction*, it is impractical to comply with that Sentence:

- a) insulated communication conductors and neutral supported cables operating at 600 V, providing there is a clearance of at least 4.5 m (measured radially) from the overhead wiring,
- b) conductors operating at not more than 50 kV phase-to-phase, providing there is a clearance of at least 7.5 m (measured radially) from the overhead wiring.

10.1.3.3. Underground Wiring

1) No *private pool* shall be placed within 1.5 m of an underground electrical conductor, including a communication conductor, and no underground electrical conductor, including a communication conductor, shall be placed within 1.5 m of the inside walls of the *private pool*.

2) Sentence (1) does not apply to

- a) bonding conductors, and
- b) conductors supplying electrical equipment associated with the pool, that are protected by a ground fault circuit interrupter.

10.1.4. Plumbing Requirements

10.1.4.1. Backflow Prevention

1) The water in a *private pool* and its recirculation system shall be separated from the make-up water supply and from the sewer or drainage system by air gaps or other backflow preventers.

10.1.4.2. Water Disposal

1) Pool wastewater shall be disposed of into a sanitary sewer system, directly into a storm sewer or be contained within the confines of the *owner's* property.

10.1.5. Structural Requirements

10.1.5.1. Design

1) The structural design of a *private pool* that is an in-ground swimming pool must bear the seal of a *professional engineer* competent in the structural designing of in-ground swimming pools.



Q. Where do I go to apply for a building permit?

- Morden Permits – City of Morden office
- Winkler Permits – City of Winkler office
- Stanley Permits – RM of Stanley office
- All other permits – MSTW Planning District office