

TOWN OF BEAUMONT

SWIMMING POOL & HOT TUB INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

FOR ALL OPEN OR ENCLOSED, ATTACHED OR DETACHED SWIMMING POOLS OR HOT TUBS

General

1. Swimming pool or hot tub installations may require the following permits: development, building, electrical and plumbing. Please contact the Town or Superior Safety Codes for permit fees.
2. A site plan showing the location, dimensions and setbacks from property lines and existing buildings is required. The plan must also indicate the size of the pool or hot tub, including the surface area of the water.
3. A swimming pool shall have a clear deck space of 900 mm (3 ft) on all sides.
4. Except for a pre-manufactured private swimming pool that is entirely above ground, plans and specifications for a private swimming pool shall be submitted.
5. Hot tubs exceeding 600 mm (2 ft) in depth of water are considered swimming pools, in accordance with the definition in Division C, Section 1.4 of the 2006 Alberta Building Code.
6. Prior to installing a swimming pool or hot tub, any changes from the existing wiring installation or any new wire installations require an electrical permit, which may be obtained from the Town of Beaumont or Superior Safety Codes (780-489-4777).
7. Prior to installing a swimming pool or hot tub, any changes in the existing plumbing system for a swimming pool or hot tub connection may require a plumbing permit which may be obtained from the Town of Beaumont or Superior Safety Codes (780-489-4777).

Method of draining hot tubs

- a) if using a garden hose connected to the drain of the hot tub and discharging the water into the floor drain in the basement – no plumbing permit is required.
- b) if a plumbing stand pipe is provided for hot tub drainage - a plumbing permit is required.

Swimming Pools (Alberta Building Code 2006, Division B, Article 7.3.2.3)

1. The entire area of a swimming pool shall be protected by a fence, building wall or enclosure that can prevent access by unauthorized persons, and its height above the outside ground level shall not be less than:
 - a) 1.8 metres (5.9 ft) for a private swimming pool; and
 - b) 2.0 metres (6.56 ft) for all other swimming pools.
2. An opening for access through a fence around a swimming pool or a private swimming pool shall be protected by a gate that is:
 - a) the same height as the fence;
 - b) equipped with a self-closing device;
 - c) equipped with a self-latching device on the inside of the gate located not less than 1.5 metres (4.9 ft) above the ground level; and
 - d) capable of being locked.
3. The fence and gate around the swimming pool shall be constructed so that all horizontal and diagonal members are located on the swimming pool side.
4. Barbed wire or electrification shall not be used on or for a fence or gate around the swimming pool.

Hot Tubs Measuring Greater than 2.4m (8') (across the widest portion of the water's surface)

Must follow the installation requirements of *Swimming Pools* as noted above.

Hot Tubs Measuring Less than 2.4m (8')(across the widest portion of the water's surface)

According to STANDATA published by Alberta Municipal Affairs dated September 2007, as an alternative to providing a fence and gate around a hot tub to prevent access by unauthorized persons, a fence and gate conforming to Sentences 7.3.2.3 (1) and (2) [and shown as points 1. and 2. Under *Swimming Pools*, above] of the Alberta Building Code 2006 need not be provided around an exterior hot tub for a single family dwelling provided:

1. The hot tub does not exceed 2.4 metres (8') across the widest portion of the water's surface;
2. The hot tub is provided with a cover that:
 - a) meets ASTM standard F1346-91, "Standard Performance Specification for Safety Covers and Labelling Requirements for All Covers for Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs." This standard contains performance requirements for hot tub covers to prevent unintentional drowning including, but not limited to:
 - i) a static load test of 220kg for covers greater than 2.4m in diameter,
 - ii) a static load test of 125kg for covers less than 2.4m in diameter, and
 - iii) deflection tests to prohibit the passage of a test object; and
 - b) is provided with lockable devices to prevent access to the water by unauthorized persons.
3. The cover is in place and locked at all times the hot tub is unsupervised.

This ruling applies throughout the Province of Alberta.

If you have any questions on the above regulations, please call the Town of Beaumont's Building Safety Code Officer or a Development Officer at 780-929-8782.

