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## Becker Township Swimming Pools FAQ

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This handout is intended only as a guide. It shall not be considered a complete set of requirements. Materials and installation must comply with the current Minnesota State Building Code and the manufacturer's installation specifications for each product.

### Does my pool need a permit? It depends on the type of pool you are planning.

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Above-ground, 875 gallons and 22" high.

Temporary, prefabricated pools less than twenty-four (24) inches in depth and less than five-thousand (5,000) gallons in volume are exempt from permitting requirements.



Above-ground, 5,500 gallons and 48" tall.

Temporary, prefabricated pools greater than 24 inches in depth or greater than 5,000 gallons in volume require a building permit and may require a land use permit from the County. The permits will be valid as long as the same pool is assembled on the same location each year.



In-Ground

All in-ground pools require a building permit and may require a land use permit from the County.



Exempt:  
Above ground, 76 gallons and 13" high

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**Permanent pools** (all in-ground and some above-ground pools) will stay in your yard year-round. Closing procedures are done to prepare the pool for a winter of non-use, followed by opening procedures in the spring. An in-ground pool includes an above-ground pool where excavation took place so that any part of the sides or bottom are below grade.

**Temporary** (seasonal) pools are made of less sturdy materials and can be disassembled and stored inside for winter. Seasonal residential swimming pools requiring permits (over 24" and 5000 gallons, installed entirely above grade) are allowed to be installed with a single application and approval provided that the same pool is installed in the same location each year. Once approved, the pool may be put up and taken down any number of times in the same spot/location.

Although a building permit is not required for hot tubs or spas, plumbing, mechanical and/or electrical permits may be required.

## Swimming pool access and drainage requirements

### Access

- In-ground pool access options
  - Completely enclosed by a permanent fence equipped with self-closing, self-latching gate not less than 4 feet in height, at a distance not less than 4 feet from the pool
  - Powered safety cover that complies with the ASTM F1346 Standard Performance Specification for Manual Safety Covers.
- Above-ground pool access options
  - A removable ladder.
  - Decks, platforms, and other structures that are accessible from ground level and serve as a pool deck or apron for above ground pools shall be equipped with a self-closing, self-latching gate at the top or bottom of the stairs, ramps, or any other access points.

**Drainage** – both temporary and permanent prefabricated pools must be within the property boundary in a manner that does not cause harm to another property, natural environment, or township infrastructure.

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### Swimming Pool Building Permit Submittal Document Checklist

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- Completed Residential Building Permit Application Form
- Approved land use permit from Sherburne County, if applicable.
- Septic Compliance – contact office if you are unsure of when this was last completed
- Two sets of paper building plans drawn to scale. If greater than 11 x 17 in size, a digital copy is required. Email to [permits@beckertownship.org](mailto:permits@beckertownship.org).
- Property owner waiver if no contractor
- Site plan via one of the following methods. If unsure which, staff can help with determination.
  - Certificate of survey – required when close to setbacks
  - Staking certificate
  - Certificate of Survey Exemption form (allowed when you are obviously not near a setback)
- Supplemental worksheet for above ground pools (attached to this handout)
- Other documentation and information requested by the Township and reasonably necessary for adequate review and evaluation.

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## Above-Ground Swimming Pool Supplemental Worksheet

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit No.

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Property owner shall provide a brief description of the above-ground swimming pool to ensure it is consistent and compliant with the Minnesota State building codes, Becker Township Ordinances, and to other applicable rules and regulations within the jurisdiction.

1. Maximum depth of above-ground swimming pool \_\_\_\_\_
2. Width of above-ground swimming pool \_\_\_\_\_
3. Length of above-ground swimming pool \_\_\_\_\_
4. Maximum number of gallons of water the swimming pool can hold \_\_\_\_\_
5. Will any excavating be done at the bottom or sides of the pool so part is below grade?
6. Will the swimming pool be disassembled each year and re-assembled the following year?
7. If yes, will the swimming pool be re-assembled in the same location each year?