

# **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PEACH BOTTOM TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS REGARDING SWIMMING POOLS AND SPAS**

With swimming pool season just around the corner we want to remind all residents that all swimming pools that hold 24" of water require both a Zoning and Building Permit. And pools with less than 48" sides require a fence. All spas require permits also. The above information applies to in-ground, above ground and storable pools. See examples below.

You can obtain the permit application by stopping at the Peach Bottom Township Offices or you can download the application at [www.peachbottomtownship.org](http://www.peachbottomtownship.org)



**Storable Pool Installations**

**DEFINITION: STORABLE SWIMMING OR WADING POOLS-** Those that are constructed on or above the ground and are capable of holding water with a maximum depth of 42" or a pool with nonmetallic, molded polymeric walls or inflatable fabric walls regardless of dimension.

The installation of electrical equipment and wiring to above ground storable pools shall meet the requirements of Chapter 42 of the 2009 International Residential Code and per the manufacturer's instructions provided with the pool equipment.

Above Ground pools shall not be located within 10 horizontal feet from any overhead service drop conductors less than 22½ feet above the ground. Communication cables crossing over an above ground pool shall not be less than 10 feet above the pool. Underground wiring shall not be within 5' of the inside wall of the pool unless the wiring is necessary to supply the pool equipment.

The pool filter pump shall incorporate an approved system of double insulation and be listed for the use. All electrical equipment, including the pool filter pump, pool chlorinators, and pool lighting shall be protected by a ground-fault circuit interrupter. Pool lighting shall meet the provisions of Section E4207.3 of the 2009 IRC.

Extension cords are not permitted for connection of pool equipment. Receptacle outlets must be located within reach of the factory installed cords on all equipment. All wiring to pool equipment must be suitable for the purpose and be of approved materials. Receptacle outlets shall incorporate a weatherproof cover listed for use in a wet location as specified in section E4002.9. Factory installed cords from the pool equipment shall not penetrate any floor, wall, ceiling, doorway with hinged or sliding door, window opening, or other effective permanent barrier. Cords from the pool equipment shall not be buried. Receptacles shall be located no closer than 6 feet from the inside wall of the pool. All receptacles located within 20 feet from the inside wall of the pool shall be protected by a ground-fault circuit interrupter

Above-ground pools, including inflatable pools holding more than 24 inches of water, must be surrounded by a fence or other barrier at least four feet high conforming to Section AG105 of the 2009 IRC. Any gates in the fence must be self-closing and self-latching and must swing outward away from the pool. If a home's wall serves as part of the swimming pools barrier, doors with direct access to the pool must be equipped with an approved alarm.

These codes are in place for a reason. They are added safety measures to protect persons from swimming pool accidents. Other things to consider when installing a pool include zoning requirements and utility easements.

It shall be unlawful for any firm, person, association, or corporation to dig, construct, erect, or place a pond, pool, or artificial lake designed to contain water or other liquid substance, which liquid substance will when filled be eighteen (18) inches or more in depth and more than twelve (12) feet from side to side at its longest measurement, unless a permit to do so shall first be secured.

All pools must maintain a 4 foot barrier or be surrounded by a fence. The fence shall have no openings larger than 4 inches and shall have a self latching, self closing gate. In the event the pool has a wall of 4' with a ladder, the ladder must be removable or able to be locked in an upright position to keep children and animals from freely accessing the pool.

Ponds do not require fencing.

## Setback Requirements

A pool can not be placed in the front yard unless it can maintain a 100 foot setback from the center of a public road. The front yard is considered the area between the house and any road. If a corner lot, you have two front yards and two side yards.

Side: 10 feet

Rear: 10 feet

Dwelling: 10 feet unless attached by deck

Septic System: 10 feet from any part of the septic system.

## Application Procedures

Swimming Pools:

- Complete a Building Permit Application.
- Complete a site plan.
- Stake proposed location of pool.
- Submit application and site plan with permit fee, payable to **Peach Bottom Township** to the Zoning Officer.

Ponds:

- Obtain necessary permits from the Department of Environmental Protection - 717-787-8568
- Complete a Building Permit Application.
- Complete a site plan.
- Stake proposed location of pond.
- Submit Applicable DEP permits, building permit application, site plan and permit fee of \$50.00, payable to **Peach Bottom Township** to the Zoning Officer.

Upon receipt of a complete application, the Zoning Officer will conduct a site inspection. If all setback requirements have been met, a permit will be issued. Upon completion of a pool, a final inspection must be completed to confirm that all safety requirements have been met.