

# Above Ground Swimming Pools

## Permit Application Process, Required Inspections and Code Requirements



Permits are required for any pool, greater than 24" deep, including inflatable or temporary swimming pools.

Building and Zoning permit applications may be submitted using our [Online Permit Center](#). Paper permit application forms may be downloaded from the [Town website](#) or picked up in the office. Paper permits are accepted by mail, email, in-person or by drop box, located in Parking Lot A on Old Post Road. Payments can be made by cash, check or credit card (there is a processing fee for credit cards).

### PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

If you are planning to build a deck around the pool, this would be a good time to include that information, so you would only have to do one permit process for both.

1. **Public Health Review** – for properties on septic systems. This application is for the health department to make sure that your pool will not conflict with your current or potential future septic system.
  - Above ground pools need to be 10-ft from the septic system.
2. **Building Permit** - The fee is based on the cost of the pool (and deck). Once you have the cost, we can provide the fee amount.
3. **Zoning Permit** - \$50.00
  - Zoning requirements for pools in the Residential Design District (RDD Zone):
    - Regular lots: the pool must be a minimum 75-feet from the front property line (unless the pool is in the front yard, then it would be 200-feet), 25-feet from both side property lines and 25-feet from the rear property lines.
    - Rear lots: the pool must be a minimum 75-feet from the front property line (unless the pool is in the front yard, then it would be 100-feet), 25-feet from both side property lines and 25-feet from the rear property lines.
  - When you complete the Zoning portion of the application, you will want to complete the setbacks (which is the distance from a structure to a lot line). You will need to provide the measurements for the distance from the closest side of the pool (and deck) to the closest point for each property line. This should be measureable once you have completed the map requirements below.
4. **Map, to scale, showing ALL of the following:**
  - You may use the [Town GIS mapping service online](#) or you may call the office to see if there is a property map on file. For instructions on using the Town GIS, click [here](#).
  - The proposed pool location (deck included)
  - Septic system (including trenches)
  - Well
  - Measurements from the pool to two fixed points (example: foundations, well heads, etc.)
  - You may contact the Building Department at (860) 871-3601 for copies of a plot plan, septic & well locations and a printable scale ruler. If the Town does not have septic information on file, the company that pumps the septic may have the location information.

5. **Structural plan for the pool** – typically a one-page diagram that shows the pool construction. This should be provided in the installation manual that comes with the pool or from the pool company.
6. **Electric Permit:** If you are doing the wiring yourself, please see this handout for wiring requirements: <https://www.tolland.org/building-department/files/wiring-requirements-pools-1>
7. **If you are doing a deck:** we will need to see structural plans for the deck, including the stairs.

## WETLANDS

### **If you are closer than 50-ft from the wetlands and need a wetlands permit:**

Wetlands regulations require structures, like pools, to be located 50-ft from the wetland soils and 100-ft from watercourses (bodies of water, such as ponds, streams). If your proposed pool location is within that 50-ft/100-ft area (called the Upland Review Area) you will need an *agent-issued* wetlands permit.

- For instructions on how to use the GIS mapping service online to determine if your property has wetlands, please click [here](#).
- Wetlands Applications can be found here: <https://www.tolland.org/inland-wetlands-watercourses-commission/pages/permits-forms>
- Agent Issued wetland permit application fee: \$100.00
- Please contact the Wetlands Department at 860-871-3601, if you have any questions on the wetlands process.

## HISTORIC DISTRICT

If the property is located in the Tolland Green Historic District, please contact the Building Department at (860) 871-3601. Depending on location, a Certificate of Appropriateness may be required.

## INSPECTIONS

- Above ground pool final – call when the pool is installed with alarms and fencing in place.
- Electrical – pool bonding

## COMMON CODE QUESTIONS

- For pool fence (barrier) requirements, please see the online handout on [Swimming Pools](#).
- For electrical requirements, please see the online handout [Wiring Requirements for Swimming Pools](#).
- Floating alarms are required for all pools. Door alarms are required when there is direct access from the house inside the enclosed pool area (ex, sliders that open to the pool deck).