



**CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES & INSPECTIONS**

Construction Services Division
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EZ PERMIT STANDARDS
POOLS AND SPAS
For pools and spas accessory to an
Existing One Family Dwelling.
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EZ Permit Standards: Pools and Spas

Obtain permits for above-ground or in-ground swimming pools and spas (including hot tubs) accessory to an Existing One Family Dwelling without submitting plans by meeting the Conditions and Design Limitations below.

(Deviations will require submission of plans to the Department with your permit applications.)

Conditions

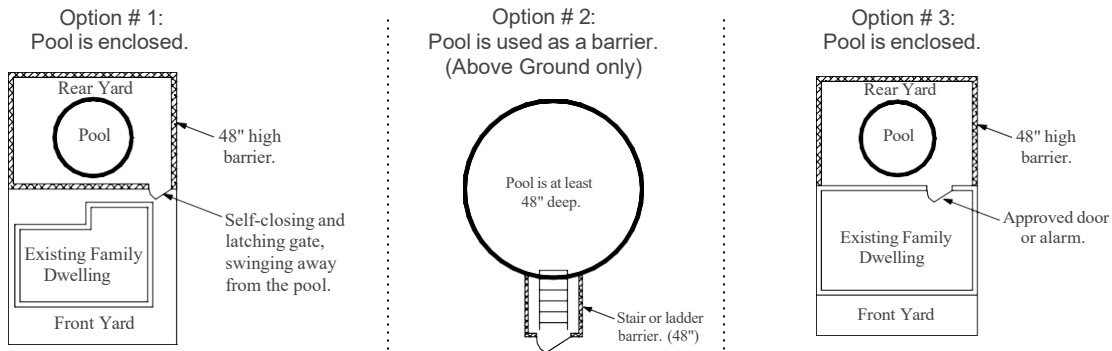
- The pool or spa, accompanying structure and equipment must not be located in the front or side yard, and not within two feet of any property line or structure on the lot.
- An above-ground pool may have an access platform of up to 50 square feet included as part of this permit. The required guardrail around the platform must be at least 36" high and may have a maximum opening of 4".
- Water must be properly treated and free of scum, debris, and foreign matter. Discharge water must not create a nuisance to an adjoining property.
- Pools and spas may not be located on elevated structures such as decks or roofs.

Design Limitations

- The pool, spa or hot tub is required to be installed in accordance with the Manufacturer's Specifications and shall meet the following standards:
 - In-ground pools – ANSI/NSPI-5
 - Above-ground pools – ANSI/NSPI-4
 - Spas (and hot tubs) – ANSI/NSPI-3
- In-ground pools must be located a minimum distance from all property lines equal to the depth of the pool adjoining such property lines.
- Suction outlets must be designed to produce circulation throughout the pool or spa and must be protected against user entrapment.

Barrier Options

Access to pools, spas and hot tubs must be restricted to prevent against potential drowning accidents. One of the three barrier options shown below is required for any pool, spa or hot tub.



Electrical and Plumbing Work

Separate permits are required for all electrical and plumbing installations associated with the installation of the pool or spa.