



BUILDING, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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Residential Swimming Pool Information

Swimming Pool is defined as any artificial basin of water constructed, modified, or improved for wading, swimming, or diving. The term does not include artificial lakes and ponds.

Permit Required

- An Improvement Location Permit shall be required prior to the installation of any permanent swimming pool capable of having 42-inch water depth or greater. This includes in-ground pools and permanently-installed above ground pools.
- Pools that do not require a permit shall still meet the zoning regulations listed below.
- Permits shall be issued to the property owner or the owner's agent with the property owner's written authorization.

Permit Fees

- \$25 Improvement Location Permit for above ground.
- \$75 Improvement Location Permit for in-ground pool
- \$25 Premise Wiring Permit for In-ground Pool (pulled by a Master Electrician)
- If the project includes a fence or any permanent decking around the pool, additional permits may be required.
- Homeowners Association approval is required when applicable.

Location and Safety Requirements

Setbacks: Pools shall be located in side yards or rear yards and shall meet setbacks for accessory structures. Generally, side yard setbacks are 8 to 10 feet (depending on zoning district), and rear yard setbacks are 5 to 30 feet (depending on zoning district).

Easements: Swimming pools shall not be located within utility or drainage easements unless the City's Board of Works authorizes encroachment into the easement via a Utility Services and Easement Encroachment Agreement.

Floodplain: Swimming pools are required to comply with all regulations stated in the Flood Hazard Area Ordinance, Section 150.700 of the Auburn Zoning Code.

Utility Clearance: No portion of a swimming pool shall be closer than 5-feet measured horizontally from any underground utility line. No portion of a swimming pool shall be closer than 10-feet measured horizontally from any overhead utility line.

Access Barrier: Swimming pools capable of having a water depth of 42-inches or more shall have at least one of the following access barriers:

1. Rigid, solid wall frame, at least 4-feet high with a lockable ladder that is elevated above the pool when in the locked position;
2. Rigid, solid wall frame, at least 4-feet high with a removable ladder. The removable ladder shall be stored in a secure environment away from the pool when not in use;
3. A 4-foot high fence with lockable gate surrounding the swimming pool; or
4. Automatic pool cover (in-ground pools, only) that completely covers the pool area. The cover must be mechanically operated in such a way that a *key* or a *key & switch* or a *touch pad with an access code* are the means to secure. The cover must be installed with track, rollers, rails, guides or other accessories per manufacturer's instructions. Cover must have a tag identifying that the cover meets the requirements of ASTM F 1346-19.

Additional information can be found by reviewing article 675 IAC 14-4.3-296 of the Indiana Administrative Code.



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Utility Locates

Call 811 or 1-800-382-5544 at least 2 working days before any digging or excavating. There is no fee for this service.

Filling the Pool

Using a Fire Hydrant: Contact the City of Auburn Water Department at 260-925-5711 to request a meter be installed on the nearest fire hydrant. The Water Department will install the meter and deliver a fire hose to your residence. When completed, contact the Water Department so the meter can be read and removed. You will be billed for the water used.

Using Water from Your Home: Contact the City's Utility Billing Office at 260-925-0365 at least 24 hours before you plan to start filling the pool. Request they come read your meter. Use a garden hose to fill the pool. When complete, contact the Utility Billing Office again for a second meter reading. You will be billed for the water used.

Homeowner's Insurance

Be certain to contact your homeowner's insurance to let them know that you have installed a pool.