

Pool Season Is Here!

This information has been compiled to assist with the requirements related to installing a new pool. Fencing requirements are included as well as information on how to obtain a sewer credit when filling your pool. Following these guidelines will ensure a successful, code compliant installation. Please contact the Building or Public Works Departments during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. ó 5:00 p.m.) at 636-456-3535 if you have any questions and someone would be happy to assist you. We hope you enjoy your new pool!

Constructing A New Pool and/or Fence

Highlights of requirements for new pool installation:

- A private pool 24 inches deep or greater or any pool utilizing electricity requires a permit prior to the installation of the pool.
- Permits are obtained from the Building Department before installation or construction begins of the pool and/or fence. Drawings and plans must be submitted with the permit application
- All in-ground swimming pools must be completely enclosed by a fence regardless of pool depth.
- Above ground pools with sidewalls in excess of 24 inches but less than 48 inches require a fence. Above ground pool with sidewalls exceeding 48 inches must be equipped with an access ladder not accessible when the pool is not in use.
- All fence openings and/or points of entry into the pool area must be equipped with a gate.
- Required fences and gates shall be 48 inches above grade level and gates shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching devices placed at the top of the gates; latches located less then 54 inches high must be on the pool side of the gate.
- Each pool shall be equipped with facilities for emptying the pool and the discharge rate shall not exceed 200 gallons per minute. No direct connections shall be made to the City's sewer system.

Construction requirements for fencing and/or pools are contained in Chapters 420 (Fence Regulations) and Chapter 515 (Pool Regulations) of the Municipal Code-City of Warrenton which can be found at www.warrenton-mo.org. Electrical Pool requirements are contained in Article 680 of the National Electrical Code-2008.

Inspections

All pools must be inspected during the construction process by the Building Department. Pools may also be periodically inspected for health, sanitation, and safety related issues.

Filling Your Swimming Pool

In all cases, the customer must notify the Public Works Department during normal business hours (Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) at least 24 hours prior to the start of the pool filling in order to receive a credit. No sewer credit will be issued for pool filling of less than 5,000 gallons.

The credit amount will be determined by calculating the gallons used from the pool measurements and the depth of the pool to be filled. City Staff will inspect the pool prior to the pool being filled to get the needed measurements. After the pool has been filled, the Public Works Department must be contacted to make a return visit to ensure the pool has been filled completely and the calculations are correct. Please note only one pool credit will be issued for each calendar year.

*** Under no circumstances will filling of a pool from the fire hydrant be allowed. ***