



# INFORMATION SHEET

## SWIMMING POOLS#

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### **Why is a building permit required?**

Building permits are required to ensure zoning requirements, (contained in municipal by-laws), and building safety standards (contained in the Ontario Building Code) are satisfied. The Ontario Building Code is a provincial regulation administered by the Housing Development and Buildings Branch of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Under the Building Code Act, local governments are given authority for the enforcement of the Ontario Building Code within their municipality.

**Is a building permit required for a swimming pool?** All pool structures that are designed to hold a minimum holding capacity of water and are 24” in depth are subject to the issuance of a pool permit.

**Is a building permit required for a fence around the swimming pool?** NO

### **When fencing is required?**

- In-ground pools require a fence.
- Above ground pools with soft walls require a fence.
- Above ground pools with hard walls 24” high, but less than 48” high require a fence.
- Required fencing to be a minimum of 48” high.
- Fence gates to be latched from the pool side of the fence.

Please Note: If you are still not certain whether or not your project requires a building permit, please contact the Building Department, Tom Webster at (613) 432-8166 and our staff will be able to assist you in making that determination.

### **Where do I apply for a building permit? #**

You can make an application for building and sign permits, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at:

Town of Renfrew, Development & Works Department  
Fax: (613) 432-8265  
Mailing Address:  
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