

**WHEN APPLYING
FOR A INGROUND,
ABOVEGROUND
POOLS AND SPA/
HOT TUBS BE SURE
TO BRING:**

- Application
- Plat of Survey
- Site Plan
- Manufacturers specifications for the pool, hot tub, barrier and any mechanical equipment to be installed.
- Electrical layout with notes.

Visit our website for application and more detailed information.



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**ABOVEGROUND/
INGROUND POOLS
& HOT TUBS/SPAS**

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR POOLS

Unincorporated McHenry County requires building permits for structures that hold 24 inches or more of water, such as in ground/aboveground pools and spas/hot tubs.

These types of structures will need to comply with the McHenry County Pool Barrier Ordinance.



Basic Design Criteria

General code requirements include but are not limited to:

- A barrier (fence or wall of the pool) at least 48" high must be installed restricting access to the pool.
- Any gates must open away from the water and be self closing and self latching.
- Aboveground pools w/o decks and using their walls and ladder as the barrier must be able to latch and lock in a upright position or be removable.
- Any locking/latching device is required to be minimum 54" above ground/standing surface..
- Permanently installed pools must have motors/pump that are UL listed and have the proper 3' log twist-locking plugs
- All metal components must be properly grounded and bonded.
- Overhead electrical lines must be a minimum of 22.5' from the water.
- Underground electric must be a minimum of 5' away, horizontally, from the inside wall of the pool unless the lines supply the pool equipment.
- Outlets must have approved "in-use" covers installed.

General Information

There is one flat permit fee for the installation of permanently installed inground, aboveground and hot tub/spa.

Seasonal pools are installed and removed each year. They will be charged the required flat permit fee the first year and meet all ordinance requirements. Every year after prior to reinstalling the same pool in the same location you will be required to apply for an annual re-inspection fee to assure compliance with the ordinance requirements.

Pools containing less than 24" of water do not require a permit. If less than 24" of water a building permit is not required, however, Stormwater and Zoning regulations still apply.

