

## **SWIMMING POOLS and HOT TUBS**

Building permits are required for in-ground, permanent above ground pools, and hot tub installations. Inflatable kiddie pools do not require building permits.

## Enclosures shall:

- 1. Be sufficient to make a pool or hot tub not readily accessible to small children.
- 2. The enclosure, including gates, shall be not more than 5 cm/2 inches above the ground and not less than 1.8 m/6 feet in height as measured from the outside of the enclosure.
- 3. The fence shall not be closer than 1.2 m/4 feet to a pool or hot tub.
- 4. The exterior of the fences/enclosure shall not facilitate climbing.
- 5. Gates/doors that provide access to pools or hot tubs shall be equipped with locking devices and kept locked when a responsible person is not present supervising the pool.

## Safety:

- 1. Pools shall have a reaching pole of sufficient length to reach mid-pool, a first-aid kit, and buoys and ropes.
- 2. The owner shall be in possession of equipment suitable for testing the chlorine content and alkalinity of the water in the pool.

## Drainage:

- 1. Provisions for draining into the sanitary (not the storm) sewer with a discharge rate not exceeding 100 gallons per minute must be made.
- 2. Drainage systems shall have an air break, meeting the requirement of the plumbing regulations.
- 3. No owner shall allow water from a swimming pool or hot tub to spill or be drained into a street or lane.