

Swimming Pool Requirements

Re: Newsletter - New Definition for Swimming Pool

As of May 05, 2003 Section 3109.2 of the International Building Code (IBC) 2006 and Section AG 102.1 of the International Residential Code (IRC) 2006 define a swimming pool as " any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that can hold water over 24 inches deep. This includes in-ground, above-ground, and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas." In the past, only pools with a surface area of 250 square feet and greater than 24 inches in depth were regulated. Now all pools-regardless of their size - are regulated. This definition includes the commonly used blow-up pool that can hold **more** than 24 inches of water accordance with the manufactures instructions.

So to make it simple, if you intend to put up a pool of the above description even a pop-up type pool will require a permit. You will be required to file for a Zoning Application along with forms for a Construction Permit (Building Electric & Plumbing). The pool will be required to have a barrier around it that will meet the requirements of the 2006 International Residential Code of New Jersey Edition. 

The electrical portion of the permit for the blow up/storable pools will require a listed approved type of pump/cord assembly. These are required to utilize a grounded type Ground fault interrupter style receptacle with a wet location bubble cover. Most all other pools require a "permanent type" motor, wiring, equipotential bonding grid and associated electrical equipment. (See Hopewell Twp. code guidelines & requirements).

Lets keep our kids safe for the summer!