

Residents locating a pool on their property in Antigonish are required to obtain a permit. In obtaining a permit, details of the location of the pool, fencing and security (ie: gates and latching devices) must be identified.

Definition

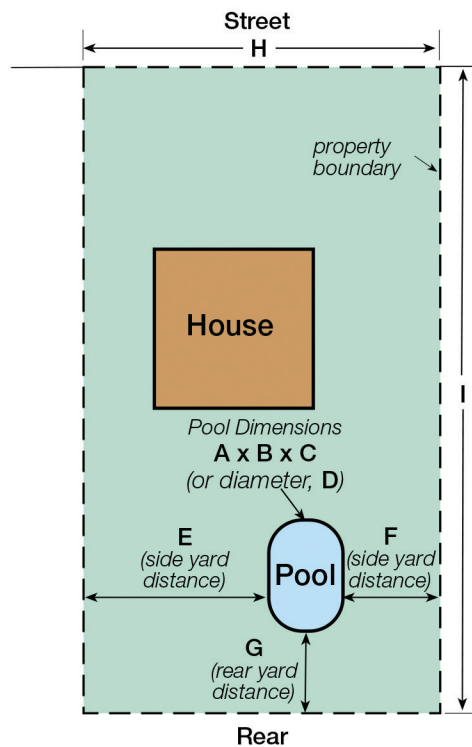
According to the Town of Antigonish, a **swimming pool** is a water-filled enclosure permanently constructed or portable, whether above or in-ground capable of holding water to a depth of more than twenty-four (24) inches, maintained or used, or which may be used for swimming or bathing; including reflecting pools and other structures used as part of the landscaping of property but excluding existing natural bodies of water or streams.

An **enclosure** means a fence, wall or other structure including doors or gates, surrounding a swimming pool to restrict access.

Note: If pool is required to be drained for repairs, servicing or for seasonal storage, the pool water is not permitted to be drained onto adjacent properties.

Sample Site Plan

Indicate the distances from your property boundary to the proposed pool including the location and height of the enclosing fence.



Please include pool volume as per supplier specs: _____

Note:
Identify location of enclosing fence

Dimensions
A (width)=
B (length)=
C (height)=
D =
E =
F =
G =
H =
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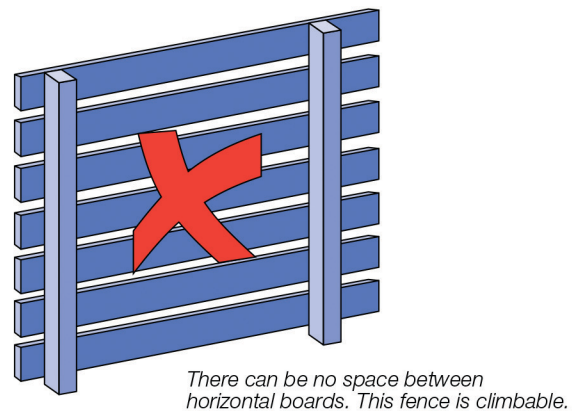
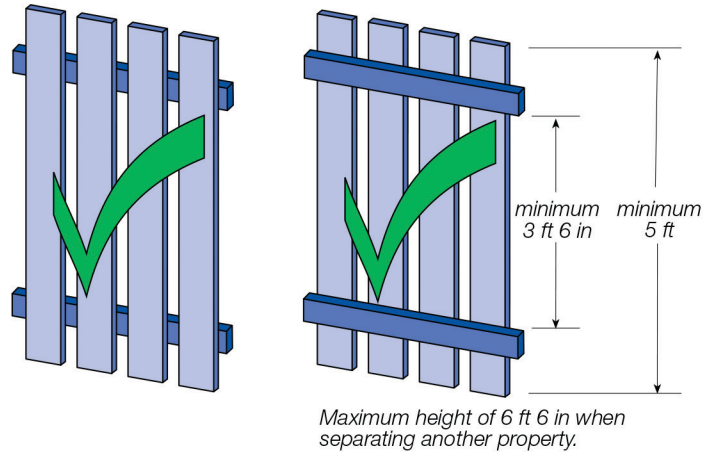
Fences and Enclosures

All swimming pools shall be completely enclosed by a 5 foot high fence that does not have any openings (between rails) that are greater than 4 inches. The fence shall be constructed so that it does not facilitate climbing. Please note that chain link and privacy lattice have been determined to meet the above requirements.

Above ground pools with installed manufactured guards adequately anchored to pool rim perimeter are permitted so long as the minimum 5 ft fence height is maintained from grade/deck to the top of the guard.

Fence Construction

Indicate the type of fence construction to be used.

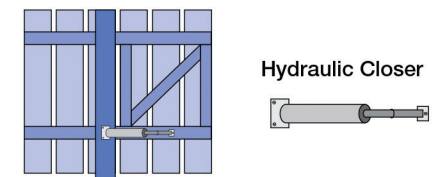
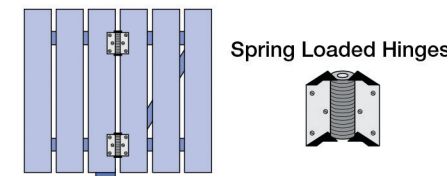
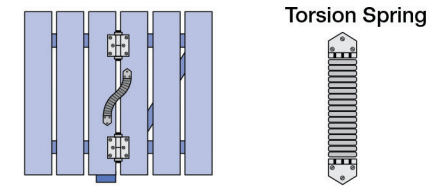
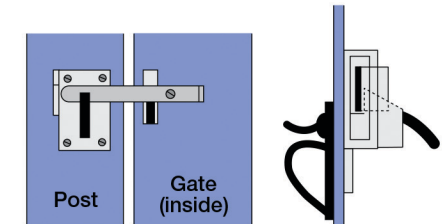
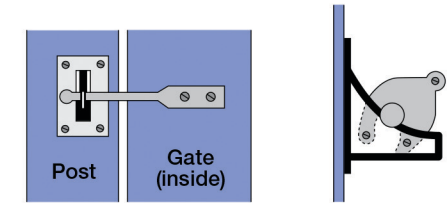


Automatic Latches and Self-Closing Devices

Gates must be self-closing and self-latching. The illustrations below show examples that meet these requirements.

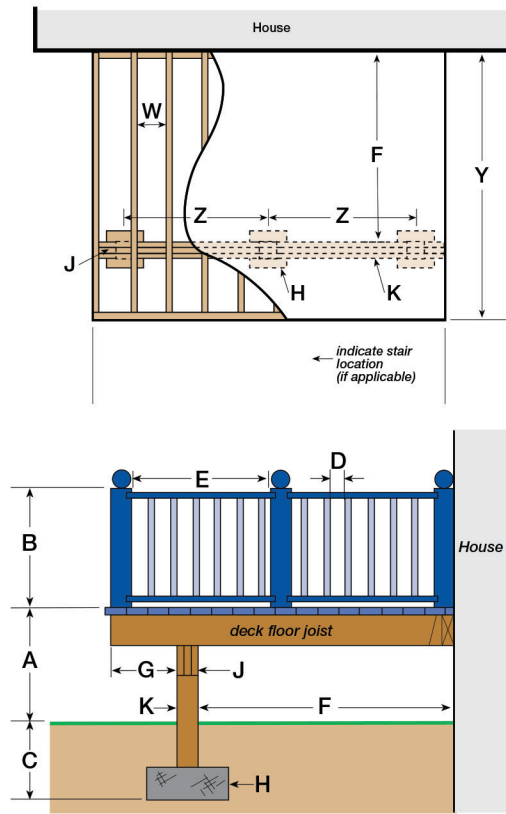
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Identify type of latches to be incorporated.



Sample Deck Construction Plan

Indicate construction details outlined in the plan and elevation below. Also, please indicate the location of the deck on the site plan.



Please provide dimensional information (use diagram above as a guide)			
A	Height above finished ground level	H	Column footing size
B	Height of guard	J	Beam size
C	Footing depth below grade for frost protection - 1.2 m (4 ft) minimum	K	Column supporting beam - minimum column size 140 mm x 140 mm (6 in x 6 in)
D	Openings in the guard - maximum 100 mm (4 in)	W	Joist size and spacing
E	Distance between posts - maximum 2.4 m (8 ft) apart	X	Deck width
F	Span of floor joist	Y	Deck length
G	Cantilever (if applicable)	Z	Distance between columns

Frequently Asked Questions

What do I need to apply for a permit?

- completed permit application form*
- 1 copy of the complete plans, showing all structural components.
- 1 copy of a site plan showing the proposed location of the project in relation to any other buildings on the property, the property lines, and watercourses.
- All applicable fees and deposits.

*Note – an Occupancy Permit must be issued prior to pool use.

How much will my permit cost?

Please refer to *Municipal User Fees Policy*, at our website www.townofantigonish.ca/policies.html

Do I need to call for inspections?

Yes. When the project is complete, you are required to call for a Final Inspection. The pool and the fence must be installed prior to this inspection.

How long will it take to get a permit?

Once we have received your application, every effort is made to issue your permit within 5 business days. You may call any time to inquire about the status of your application.

Do I require a fence if I build a deck around my pool?

If the combined height of your deck and rail exceeds 5' from grade, you do not require a separate enclosure. If there are steps from the deck to the ground, a 5' high self-closing, self-latching gate is required at the top of the stairs.

Where do I go to make an application?

Please contact the Planning & Building Services Department located on the 2nd floor of Town Hall to:

- Obtain application
- Submit completed application and fee

Note applications can also be obtained at www.townofantigonish.ca

E-mail: dhalfpenny@townofantigonish.ca

Phone: (902) 867-5575

How do I request an inspection?

Please contact the Planning & Building Services Department to request an inspection. Inspections should be requested 48 hours in advance.

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