

Do I need a permit for swimming pools, spas or hot tubs ?

Yes. Both zoning and building permits are required.

Torrington Area Health District approval will be needed when well or septic are located on property.

Swimming pools, spas and hot tubs are governed by the Appendix G of the 2009 International Residential Code portion of the 2005 Connecticut State Building Code.

For zoning purposes a site plan or sketch will be necessary to show the location of the proposed pool, deck and pool enclosure.

The Zoning Enforcement Officer will check for compliance regarding setback from property lines.

The Wetlands Department will also need to verify the location of the pool, deck or fencing in relation to any inland wetlands or watercourses nearby.

Plans for a building permit will be required as follows:

- Above-ground installations: Manufacturer's specifications and detailed information regarding construction, installation, piping, equipment, electrical, barrier, gates, raised decks, guards, stairs, and suction entrapment protection. The building code also requires compliance with the Standard for Above-ground/On-ground Residential Swimming Pools (ANSI/NSPI-5-2003).
- In-ground installations: Construction plans and details will be required to be prepared by a design professional showing structural design, piping, equipment, electrical, barrier, gates, and suction entrapment protection. The building code also requires compliance with the Standard for Residential In-ground Swimming Pools (ANSI/NSPI-5-2003).