

What do I need for a fence permit for my Swimming Pool

All swimming pools require a fence in the Township of Essa. Depending on the type of pool that you are proposing, fences can be of different configurations.

Pool permits must first go to Zoning who will look at your diagram and determine if the pool will meet the setbacks under their by-law and the lot coverage (percentage) allowed.

After approval from Zoning, they are sent to the inspectors who will determine that the requirements of the fence by-law and setbacks from buildings and septic systems are in compliance.

You will require an accurate depiction of your lot with measurements indicating length and width of the lot, size of each building on the lot, where your septic system is (if applicable) and the proposed location of your pool. The distance from each lot line must be shown, along with the distance to the septic field and all buildings. A separate drawing will be required to show the height of the pool (if above ground) with any decks and guards that will be required. If the pool is inground, the location of the fence and gates must be indicated.

Here are some general rules

Minimum height of fences is 5 feet

Fence must completely enclose pool on all sides with an entrance gate which shall be provided with a secure latch or lock and be equipped with a self closing device, lock and latch to be out of reach of young children.

Fences to be constructed of solid construction or properly erected chain link fence, to the satisfaction of the Municipality.

Fencing around a property line may be utilized if the fence meets the above height and material requirements of above.