



## Inspectional Services Town of Danvers

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# POOL, SPA & HOT TUB REQUIREMENTS

A permit is required from the Building Department to install a swimming pool, spa and or hot tub. A licensed Electrician must obtain a permit before the pool/spa permit can be issued.

When filing a permit, a certified plot plan is needed showing the pool, house, fencing and gate dimensions showing distances from the property lines.

Pools are also required to be enclosed by a fence at least 60" high, gates need to be self-closing lockable, self-latching with a latch height no less than 54" above grade. The Town of Danvers Bylaws requires the fence even if the above ground pool has a barrier mounted on the top of the pool.

**\*\*Note that the State Building Code requirement for enclose height is four (4) feet, the Danvers by Law requirement is five (5) feet. \*\***

- Erect permanent fencing within seven (7) days of completion of the pool.
- Town of Danvers Bylaw - CHAPTER XX Swimming Pools Section 1. All permanently installed private swimming pools and all other pools capable of retaining over two-and-one-half feet of water shall be fully enclosed by a suitable fence or an equivalent enclosure, or means of protection from access to the pool, not less than five feet in height and containing a self-latching gate to ensure that small children will be barred from the swimming pool area. The Building Inspector shall be responsible for enforcing the terms and conditions of this by-law and shall follow the procedures set forth in the State Building Code up to, but not including the appeal procedure. Any person, upon conviction under this by-law, shall be fined a sum not exceeding \$50 for each conviction and each day that such person is not in compliance with this by-law shall be deemed a separate offense. (AUTH: ARTICLE 4, TM 6/23/75.)

For further information, refer to the 2015 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code.