



Complete applications for swimming pools must include:

- applicable law approval documentation when required
- completed application package
- building permit fees
- building permit application plot plan
- fence construction details

The information provided should be used as a sample only to help you with creating your application.

## Required Inspections

- prior to filling pool
- final

## Fees

We determine fees based on our Building By-Law. Please see our By-Law for the most up-to-date building permit fees.

## Changes to Approved Plans

Any proposed changes from the approved plans must be approved by a Building Inspector prior to construction. Failure to have the required inspections performed may result in you having to uncover and expose the work for inspection.

# Swimming Pools

## Before you start

Pool permits are required for all types of pools which are capable of containing a depth of water of 24 inches at any point. No water can be in the swimming pool until we've performed and passed a final inspection of the swimming pool enclosure.

## Fencing type

Make sure that your fence provides the level of protection as prescribed in the pool by-law. Vertical board and chain link are the two most common types. We must review any other style of fencing as part of the permit application. The maximum size of mesh for chain link fencing is 1 1/2" diamond mesh.

## Electrical work

You will need to get a permit from the [Electrical Safety Authority](#) when electrical work is part of your swimming pool installation.

## Hot tub exemption

A hot tub is exempt from the enclosure requirements as long as it has a rigid prefabricated cover that you keep locked to prevent access when the hot tub is not in use.

## Required Documents

Typical requirements are listed below, additional information may be required.

### Plot plan

- Lot lines including dimensions
- Measurements from the house and proposed pool dimensioned to other structures and lot lines
- Location of overhead electrical conductors (if applicable)
- Location of proposed/existing fence
- Location and size of all gates
- Area of all structures
- Location of septic systems and the distances to the accessory building (if applicable)
- Municipal address

### Additional details

- Type of fencing to be installed (e.g. Chain Link, Pressure Treated Wood etc.) and spacing between post
- Height of the swimming pool enclosure
- Type and location of lockable, self-closing/latching device



## Before Applying

It is your responsibility to ensure that all necessary approvals or permits have been obtained from other agencies for any Applicable Law identified in the Ontario Building Code that is relevant to your project.

## Applying Online

The City of Belleville's web portal is now online. In order to access the portal you must register as a user. Approval is quick and easy and you can then enjoy the benefits that the online portal has to offer. At this point in time you can apply for a building permit, check the status of your building permit application and pay for building permits through the portal.

Applying for a permit online is just another means of applying for a permit. We do still require and application form to be filled out and attached during the submission process.

Applying for a permit is an eight step process. Throughout the various steps, you will be asked for information that pertains to the permit you are applying for, such as the location, estimated project value, description of work, and contact information. On step 6, you will be able to attach a PDF copy of your application, plans and any other documents that accompany your permit application. Once you reach the final step, step 8, you will be able to submit and pay the initial building permit fee.

### Contact

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## Design Information

### Proprietary Products and Materials

Not all products or materials sold are approved for use in Ontario as many products fall outside of the material requirements identified in the OBC. These products range from decking materials and guard systems to plumbing and foundation dampproofing systems. Where specific products or system types are required by the OBC any alternative materials or systems must have either a Building Materials Evaluation Commission (BMEC) authorization or a Minister's Ruling to be used in Ontario.

### Engineered Design

For houses and small buildings, Part 9 of Division B of the OBC provides prescriptive guidance for designing the structural system of a building using conventional materials. The systems in Part 9 however are subject to a range of limitations as to when they can be used. If a component of a structural system of a building falls outside of the limitations of Part 9 of the OBC, (ie: roof trusses, point loaded beams, aluminum and glass railing systems, etc.) the component, system must be designed in accordance with structural requirements of Part 4 of Division of the OBC. Part 4 design typically requires the services of a professional engineer.

