



By-law 2011-75

<https://www.gananoque.ca/sites/gananoque.ca/files/by-laws/2011-75-Regulate-Fences-Around-Privately-Owned-Swimming-Pools.pdf>

Application Form for a Pool Permit?

<https://www.gananoque.ca/town-hall/permits-licenses-and-forms>

Questions on the Pool By-law?

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This pamphlet summarizes the Town of Gananoque's regulations with regard to Regulate Fences Around Privately-Owned Swimming Pool By-law

The information contained herein is intended only as a guide. Applicants should review the applicable by-laws and consult with Staff.

Town of Gananoque, 30 King Street East, Gananoque ON K7G 2R2
Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM



SWIMMING POOLS & HOT TUBS



Did you know that obtaining a Permit for a swimming pool or hot tub is required within the Town of Gananoque?

By-law 2011-75 was adopted by Council in 2011 to regulate pool enclosures newly constructed, existing, or replaced in the Town.

Enclosure means a fence, wall, or other structure, including doors and gates, surrounding a privately-owned outdoor swimming pool to restrict access thereto.

Pool means any artificial body of water that can be used for bathing or swimming that is capable of holding 18 inches or more of water. This includes in-ground, above-ground, portable, inflatable, and hydro-massage pools, tubs, and spas as well as decorative ponds.

General Provisions:

- No person shall construct or place a pool on their property without first obtaining a permit through the Building Department.
- All pools require an enclosure and gates that meet the requirements of the by-law before any water can be placed in the pool.
- All enclosures around a pool shall be maintained and remain in a good state of repair.
- Enclosures shall be free of any objects or materials against or near a pool enclosure that would facilitate climbing.
- Pools are only permitted in rear yards unless the pool is located on a corner lot which will require approval from the Manager of Planning.
- Hot tubs are required to be equipped with a lockable lid and closed and locked when the hot tub is not in use unless the hot tub is within a locked pool enclosure that meets the bylaw requirements

Pool Enclosure:

- Pool Permit Required including complete application and fees as per Fees and Rates By-law
- Pool enclosures are required to be a minimum of 1.2m (4ft) in height from grade.
- If the pool walls are at least 1.2m (4ft) in height from grade, an enclosure is not required except at the access into the swimming pool.
- Pool enclosures are to be close-boarded, chain link, or other approved design by the Building Department.
- Fencing construction methods are to meet the requirements of the pool bylaw.
- Materials used to construct the enclosure shall be free of hazardous materials that would create a danger to the safety of people or animals.
- Openings through or under the enclosure shall not permit the passage of an object having a diameter of 100mm (4 inches).

Enclosure Gates, Doors, and Entrances:

- Shall meet all the requirements of Pool Enclosure mentioned above.
- Shall be equipped with a self-closing and self-latching device located at the top and inside of the gate.
- Shall be kept locked at all times, when there is not a responsible person present and supervising the pool.
- Where a pool is accessed directly from the dwelling unit, a self-closing device shall be located on the access of the dwelling or an approved gate shall be installed to inhibit access to the pool.