

## Residential Swimming Pools

### General Information

The City of Shorewood allows in-ground and above-ground pools. A building permit is required prior to constructing any pool.

### Setbacks & Dimensional Standards

- The minimum rear yard setback for swimming pools and a 3-foot safety apron shall be 60% of that which is required for the zoning district in which the pool is located.
  - This does not include decking, patios, and extended pool aprons. These must meet full rear yard setback.
- No part of any pool, including guardrails, shall exceed 6 feet above grade in height.

Zoning District	Pool Setbacks (ft.)			
	Front	Full Rear/ Reduced for Pool	Side	Side/Rear Abutting Street
R-1A	50	50 / 30	10	50
R-1B	40	40 / 24	10	40
R-1C	35	40 / 24	10	35
R-1D	30	35 / 21	10	30
R-2A	35	40 / 24	10	35
R-2B	30	30 / 18	10	30
R-2C	30	35 / 21	10	30
R-3A	30	30 / 18	15	30

The setbacks for Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) and lakeshore lots vary.

### Impervious Surface

- The entire pool area, including the water surface, counts as hard cover in determining impervious surface coverage.
- Limits:
  - 33% for residential lots outside shoreland districts
  - 25% for residential lots inside shoreland districts
  - Varies for some Planned Unit Developments (PUDs)
- Any improvement that increases impervious surface by 1,000 square feet or more needs a Stormwater Management Plan submitted with the Building Permit Application.

### Survey & Application Requirements

- All pools require a certificate of survey, including the following information:

- Property boundaries
- Current and proposed impervious surface
- Location of pool and pool equipment with distances to property lines
- All pool aprons, skirting, and any decking or patios included with the pool
- Other requirements as listed on the Building Permit Application Checklist
- All pools require a building permit, including the following information:
  - Manufacturer's installation requirements for the pool and all associated equipment
  - Plans for a silt fence or other erosion control devices
  - Other requirements listed on the Building Permit Application Checklist

## Fences

- Pools shall be completely enclosed by a non-climbable fence at least 4 feet tall with self-latching and self-closing gates to restrict access from adjoining properties.
- Above-ground pools that are only accessible via a ladder do not need a fence but must have either a removable ladder or a ladder that locks in an upright position.
- See our Residential Fence handout for more information. All fences require a Zoning Permit separate from the Building Permit for the pool.