

SWIMMING POOLS REGULATIONS

1. A fence or other approved barrier is required for any swimming pool. This fence must be at least 48” tall and have a self-closing, self-latching type gate. The fence can be wood, vinyl, masonry, or chain link. The fence has to prevent the entry of any sphere over 4” in diameter. A chain link fence has to be 1A” or less. Horizontal and ladder type members are NOT allowed as fencing around a pool, in order to keep small children from obtaining access to the pool and risk injury. The fence must be installed prior to filling the pool. Auto covers may not serve as barriers.
2. A site plan must accompany a pool permit application, indicating the location of the pool on the property. The pool and any deck cannot be constructed on any easement.
3. You will need to submit a brochure or other form of written information stating that the pool equipment, such as the filter and pump, has been listed for the purpose intended by an approved agency, such as Underwriters Laboratory.
4. If a deck is going to be constructed with the pool, structural plans for the deck should be submitted. If the deck provides access from the pool to a door leading into the house, the door must have **one** of the following:
 - A. A door alarm and controls located at least 54” high adjacent to the door. The alarm must produce an 85 DBA audible warning signal within 7 seconds after the door has opened.
 - B. A self-closing and self-latching device on the door located at least 54” above the threshold. This option is only available when the door swings away from the pool.
 - C. A powered safety cover with a capacity of 485 pounds. The controls for the cover must be permanently installed and must be a key operated switch. The switch must also be adjacent to the pool.
5. All electrical receptacles used for pools or pool equipment must be GFCI protected and have weatherproof covers that are capable of closing while the plug is in place. Receptacles used for pump equipment can be placed between 5 and 10 feet from the inside rim of the pool, must be single, grounded, and of a twist locking variety. A standard receptacle must be installed between 10 and 20 feet from the pool and shall be GFCI type. All electrical work should be performed by a licensed electrician.
6. All pools must have a means of disconnect within sight of the equipment and not less than a 5 ft. reach path from the water’s edge.
7. Pools and spas with heaters must have covers. For pools/spas 90 degrees and over the cover must have an R-12 insulation factor.
8. Pool heaters must have an on/off switch and a timer. If gas, the pilot light may not burn continuously.

Note: Shenango Township, Lawrence County requires a 6 ft. barrier and/or additional railing around the top perimeter of an above-ground pool.