



# Community Bulletin

## TEMPORARY SWIMMING POOLS – HOT TUBS – SPAS

The Community Bulletin is designed to provide a clear and concise overview of the adopted community standards applicable to a particular topic of interest. The subject of this bulletin is Temporary Swimming Pools, Hot Tubs, and Spas.

**DEFINITION:** The City of Piqua Codified Ordinances defines Temporary as a use with "...a duration not exceeding 180 consecutive days...", and defines Swimming Pools, Hot Tubs, and Spas as, "Any structure, chamber, or tank containing a body of water intended for swimming, diving, or bathing".

**STANDARDS:** The following information highlights the standards applicable to the installation of a Temporary Swimming Pool, Hot Tub, or Spa.



Location – The permissible location for a swimming pool, hot tub, or spa on a residential lot is the area to the rear of the house.

Proximity to Lot Lines – All swimming pools, hot tubs, or spas, and any mechanical equipment and deck area incidental to the swimming pool, hot tub, or spa, shall be setback a minimum distance of ten (10) feet from any side or rear lot line.

Proximity to Utility Lines – All swimming pools, hot tubs, or spas shall be setback a minimum horizontal distance of ten (10) feet to any overhead utility line, and a minimum horizontal setback distance of five (5) feet to any underground utility line, and no swimming pool, hot tub, or spa may be located within a utility easement area.

Safety Enclosure – Temporary swimming pools, hot tubs, or spas with a surface area greater than 150 square feet (more than 13' 9" in diameter), and any mechanical equipment and deck area incidental to the swimming pool, hot tub, or spa, shall be completely enclosed by a fence or structural barrier with a minimum height of at least 48 inches. The fence or structural barrier shall be constructed without horizontal members that would make it easy to climb and in such a manner that a sphere with a diameter of 6 inches cannot be passed through any opening. All gates or doors in the safety enclosure shall be self-closing, self-latching and lockable with the latching mechanism to be located on the pool side of the gate or door.



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Permit Requirement – There is no permit issued or inspection required prior to the installation of a temporary swimming pool, hot tub, or spa. The installation of a temporary swimming pool, hot tub, or spa need only conform to the applicable standards noted above.

Water Quality – The water in a swimming pool, hot tub, or spa is always to be maintained free of algae, bacteria, or any other substances that may compromise the sanitary conditions suitable and necessary to the health and well being of the person or persons using the swimming pool, hot tub, or spa and the occupants of the premise and the surrounding properties.

### SUMMARY:

Temporary swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas are to be...

- Removed within six (6) months of the date of installation.
- Located in a rear yard.
- Setback a minimum of ten (10) feet from lot lines.
- Setback a minimum of ten (10) feet from overhead utility lines.
- Setback a minimum of five (5) feet from below grade utility lines.
- Completely enclosed by a fence or other physical barrier at least 48 inches in height and with self-closing, self-latching, lockable gates whenever the water surface area is greater than 150 square feet.
- Permitted in accordance with the applicable regulations with no permit issuance or inspection being necessary.
- Maintained free of algae, bacteria, or other substances harmful to the public health and well being.

### REFERENCE:

City of Piqua Code of Ordinances: § 154.005 DEFINITIONS and § 154.129 SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND HOT TUBS.

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