



City of Westminster

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POOL, SPA, HOT TUB and JACUZZI REGULATIONS IN THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER

The City of Westminster Municipal Code requires a permit for the installation of any outside body of water which is designed or used for swimming or immersion purposes, any portion which exceeds eighteen (18) inches in depth, including portable swimming pools. A portable swimming pool means any fabric, plastic, metal or wood container of water over four feet in length or diameter, capable of being placed in temporary locations for use as, or capable of being used as, a swimming pool.

1. The unit shall be approved by a recognized agency such as the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO), International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAMPO), with all electrical components bearing a label of approval from the Underwriters Laboratory (UL).
2. The body of water shall be protected by a substantially constructed enclosure of approved materials not lower than five feet in height, measured vertically from the highest point of outside grade within three feet of the enclosure, measured horizontally. All access gates or doors through the enclosure open away from the swimming pool and are equipped with a self-closing, self-latching device not less than five feet above grade. The residence shall be equipped with exit alarms on those doors providing direct access to the pool or spa.
3. Spas, hot tubs, and Jacuzzis are not required to have a receptor for discharge to the sewer.
4. Swimming pools must have a permanent installation for drainage through a 3" p-trap with a 1" air gap, located outside (CPC 2013, sec. 801.1).
5. Provide at least one 125 volt, 15 or 20 amp receptacle on a general purpose branch circuit shall be located not less than 6' from and not more than 20' from the inside wall of the pool (CEC 680.22 (A)(3)) and between 6' to 10' for indoor installations (CEC 680.43). All outdoor receptacles and fixtures require a G.F.C.I, installed in the circuit. Over-head electrical lines are not permitted less than 10'-0" horizontally and 22'-6" vertically from the surface of the water (CEC 680.8).
6. Pools and spas shall not be closer than 5'-0" from the residence, or 3'-0' from an open patio support, or 3'-0' from the side and rear property line. The roof overhang from the patio may extend to within one foot of the water line.
7. Hose bibs used as source of makeup water are required to be equipped with a vacuum breaker.
8. Pool equipment shall not violate the City noise ordinance. (W.M.C. 8.28.040).

Please review CBC 2013, section 3109 or CRC 2013, appendix G for addition information. If you have any questions, contact the Westminster Building Department at 714-548-3469