

INFLATABLE POOL GUIDELINES

An inflatable swimming pool is a popular way to cool off during the summer. A storable pool such as this is easy to set up and take down and relatively inexpensive to purchase. However, the manufacturers took the “kiddie pool” concept a step further and designed inflatable pools that can be up to 48 inches high and hold the whole family.

What you should know before you purchase an inflatable pool is that it will require a zoning/building permit, and inspection for the electrical connection of the filter, and a fence with a self-latching gate around it.

The **Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code**, adopted and implemented in July 2004, includes Appendix G, which covers all swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs designed to hold more than 24 inches of water. Generally any pool with a filter holds at least 24 inches of water. That puts inflatable (storable) pools in the same category as above-ground pools. All above-ground pools require electrical inspections and barrier (fence/gate) inspections.

Under Section 184-30(A) of the **West Earl Township Zoning Ordinance**, private, noncommercial swimming pools (whether above or below ground) which are designed to contain a water depth of 24 inches or more must be located in a rear or side yard only, be entirely enclosed with a permanent fence not less than 6 feet in height and have a self-locking type gate. Should be at least 15 feet from the side and rear yard property lines and not occupy more than 25% of the minimum required yard.