

Rothestay's Zoning By-law No. 02-10 - Pools and Fences



Public Notice: Keeping Pools Safe: Ensuring a Secure Environment for Fun

Swimming pools and hot tubs are great for having a good time and relaxing, but ensuring they are safe for everyone is essential. There are rules and regulations in place to ensure pool safety.

Building Permits

You must obtain a building permit before constructing a pool, fence, deck or pool house. Building permit applications are downloadable at Rothestay's www.rothesay.ca.

Submit a site plan that indicates the location of the pool and any structures, along with the structure's height. These plans ensure that the construction meets the Rothestay's Zoning By-Law's.

Summary of Rothestay Zoning By-law No. 02-10 Regarding Pools and Fences

Definition of a Swimming Pool:

A swimming pool is an artificially created body of water designed for swimming or wading activities with a maximum depth greater than 0.6 meters (24 inches).

Location and Access Control:

Placement: A private pool or hot tub must be placed on the side or back of your property, at least 3 meters away from any property line.

Fencing: The pool area must be fenced. The fence should be 1.5 to 2 meters tall, without any external features that could aid climbing. It should be constructed so that a small sphere (about 10 cm in diameter) cannot pass through or under it. The gate must be self-latching and have a lock at least 1.5 meters above the bottom.

Integrating with Buildings:

If part of your building is part of the pool fence, the main or service electrical entrance must be in a different area.

Any doors within the pool enclosure, except those leading to living spaces, should close independently and have a latch at least 1.5 meters above the bottom of the gate.

Alternative Fencing:

Instead of a fence, a securely latched rigid cover can be used for hot tubs when not in use to prevent unauthorized access.

Distance from Electrical Wires:

No pool or hot tub part should be directly under electrical wires to avoid electrical hazards.

Size Limitations: The pool or hot tub should not be larger than the main floor area of your home to ensure a balanced property layout.

Noise Control:

Pool pumps, heaters, or filters should be inside a structure or at least 7.5 meters from any side or rear property line to avoid disturbing neighbours.

Fences and Walls: Ensuring Safety and Consideration

Height Restrictions:

Sight Triangle: Within the sight triangle, fences or walls should not be taller than 0.75 meters above the curb or the center line of the street (if there is no curb).

Residential Zone: The maximum height is 2.0 meters.

Non-Residential Zone: The maximum height is 3.5 meters.

Materials and Design:

Fences or walls exceeding 2 meters in height in non-residential zones should not be constructed with barbed wire or have any barbed wires, broken glass, or sharp objects at the top to prevent injuries.

Setback Requirement:

Fences and walls should generally be set back one meter from the property line. This requirement can be adjusted with a documented mutual agreement between the property owner and the neighboring property owner, and informing local authorities is essential.

Plumbing

Please note the pool house with plumbing will require a separate service and charges.

Following these guidelines ensures that your fences, walls, and pool are safe, respectful of neighbouring properties, and compliant with the regulations. These rules aim to prevent hazards, maintain a pleasant neighborhood, and create a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone. Safety should always be the top priority concerning fences, walls, or pool activities. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the Town for more information.

The Town encourages the homeowner to use an outside contractor to fill the pool and not use municipal water.

NOTE: Decks higher than 24 inches require construction drawings.